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THE HEDGEHOG

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CHARACTER
= SELECT =



SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG
SUPER-FAST HERO



AMY & TAILS
SONIC'S TOUGH
TAG TEAM



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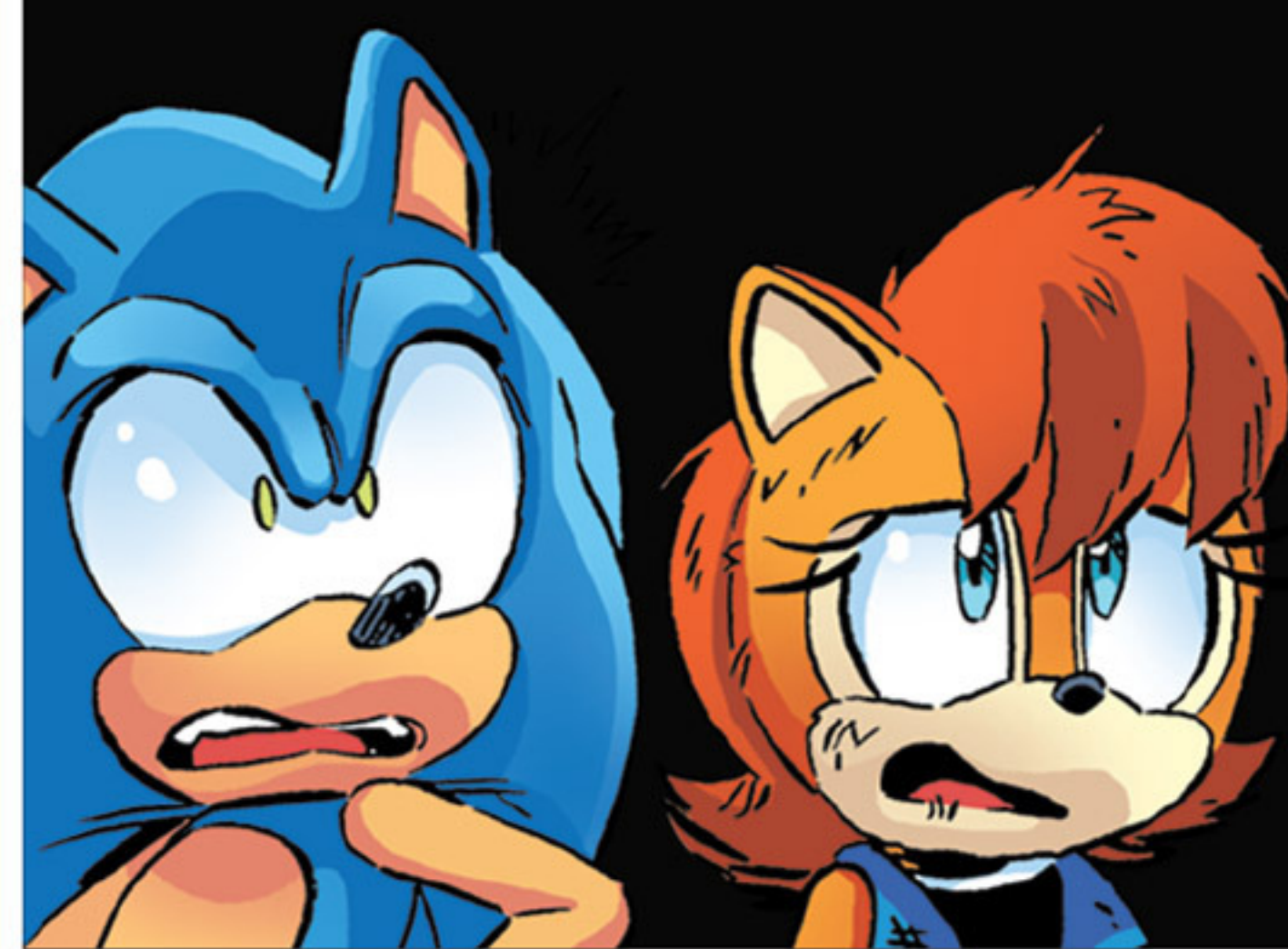
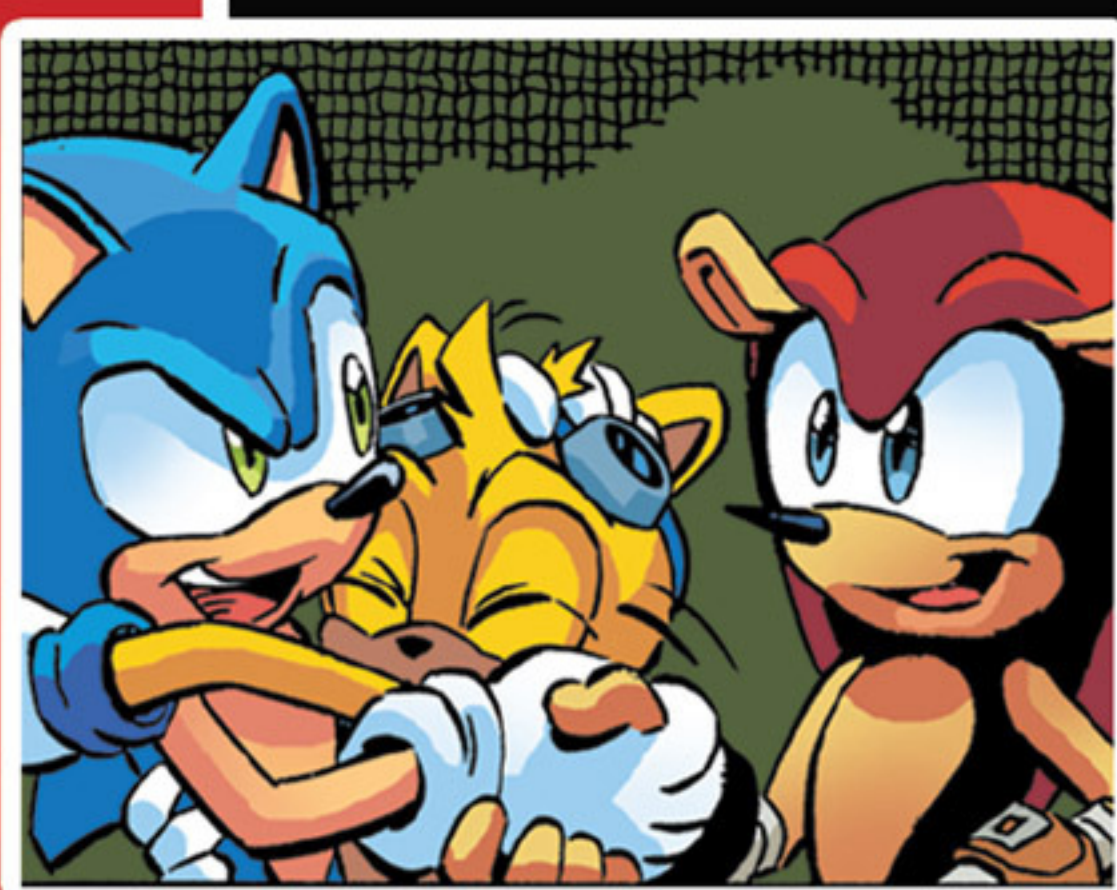
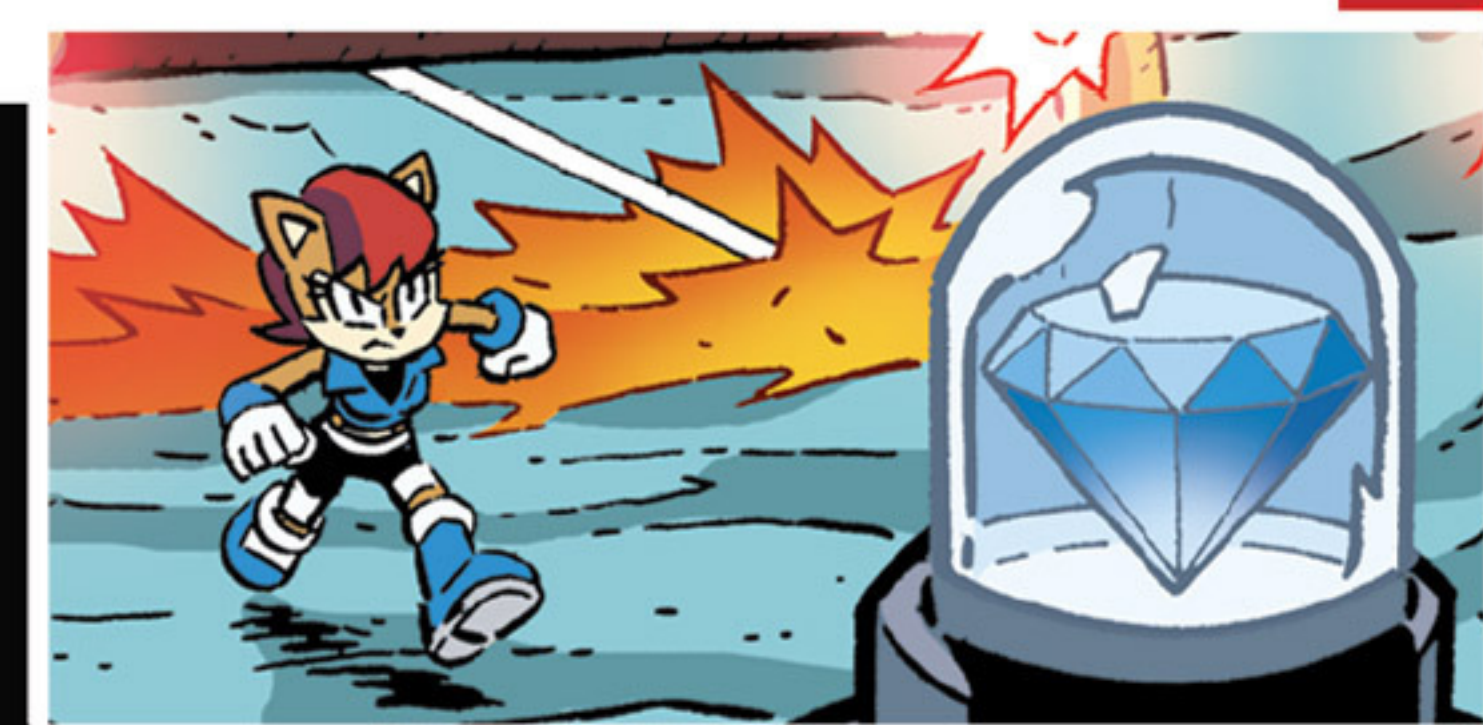
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the fight of their lives...



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ZONE, SOUTH
ISLAND. SOME
TIME AGO...

COCONUTS
SUPER SPECIAL
SONIC SEARCH &
SMASH SQUAD

OOH-OOH-
HA-HA-HA! ONCE
YOU'RE GONE,
SONIC, DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK'S GONNA
GIVE ME A BIG
PRRRROMO-
TION!

GOTTA TIME THIS
JUST RIGHT...

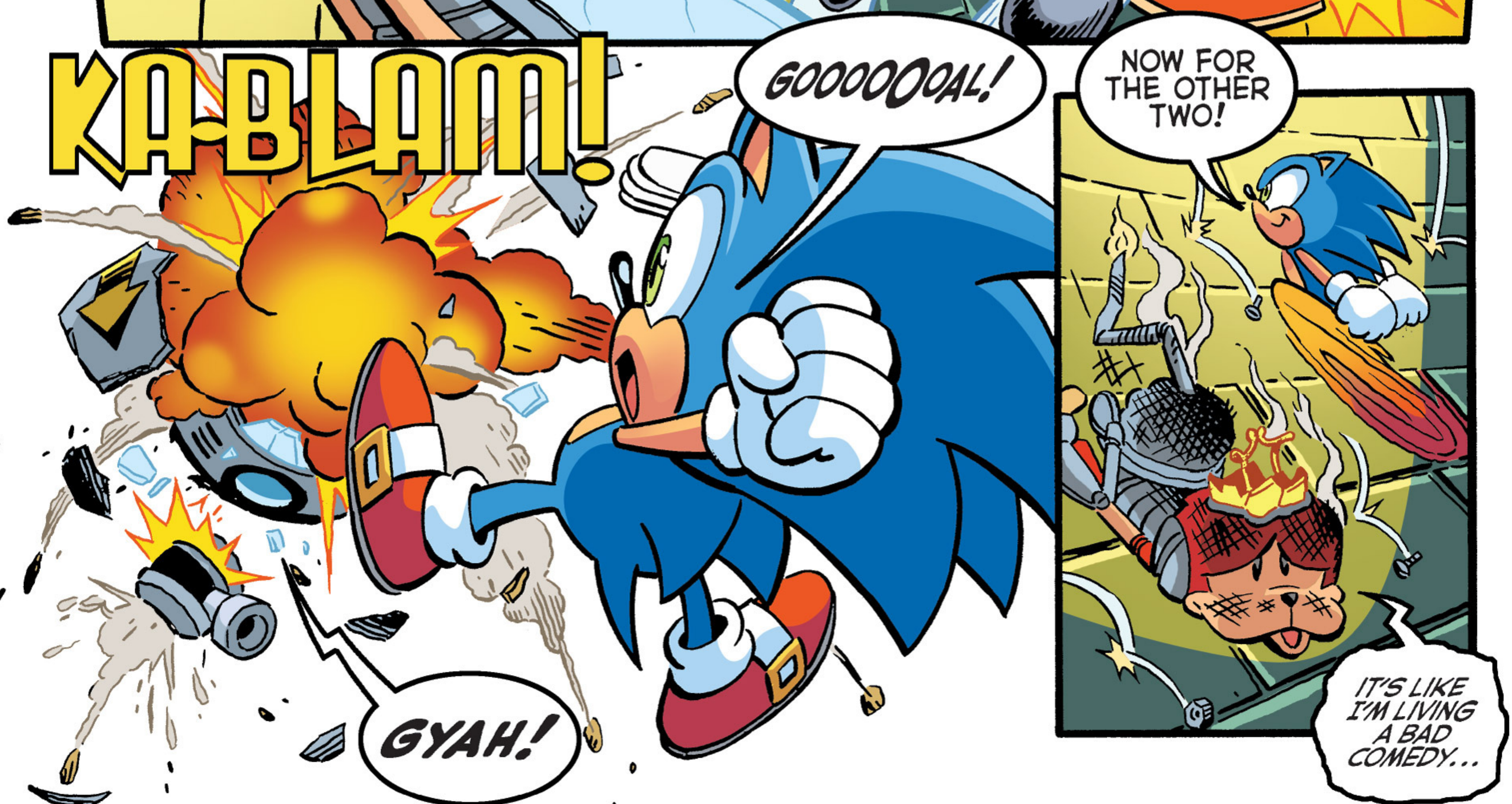
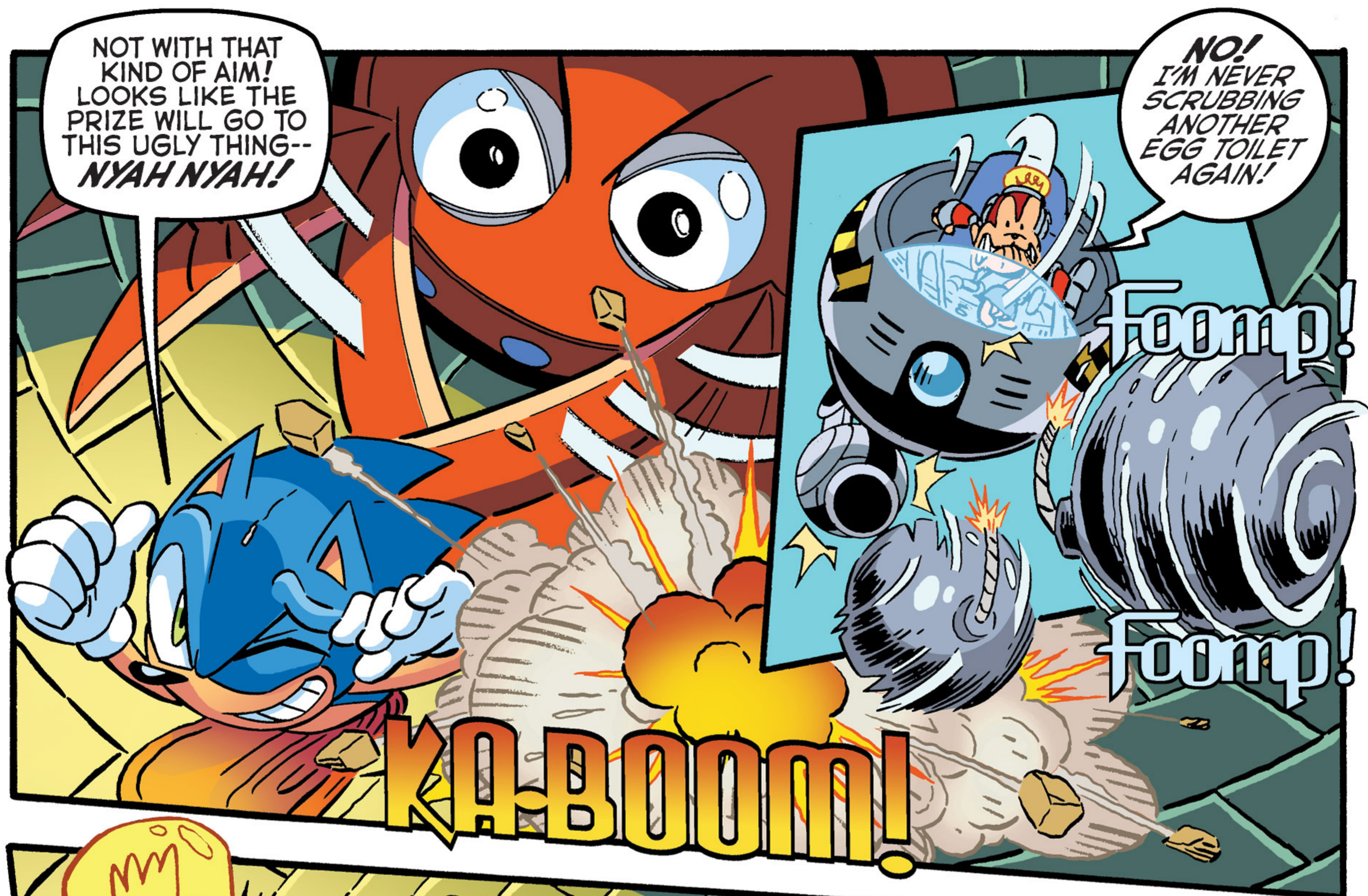
SONIC
FASTEST
THING
ALIVE

EGG ANTLION
FIRST GENERATION
SUPER-BADNIK

CHAMPIONS

PART ONE: THE GANG'S ALL HERE

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OOH! OOH!
HE'S COMING!
PLACES EVERY-
BODY!

SCRATCH
S6 SQUAD

BWA-HA-
HA-HA-HA!
I KNEW COCO-
NUTS WOULD
BLOW IT!

ALL RIGHT,
THIS IS IT.
DON'T MESS
THIS UP--
OR *ELSE!*

GRUNDER
SUPER SPECIAL...
Y'KNOW WHAT?
"S6 SQUAD"

I KNOW!
I KNOW! JUST
GOTTA KEEP IT
TOGETHER...

HOLD IT,
HEDGEHOG!
ONE MORE STEP,
AND WE'LL--!

BOP!

CLANG!

PLEASE!
YOU'RE
TOO SLOW
TO EVEN
FINISH
YOUR
THREATS,
NEVER
MIND MAKE
GOOD ON
'EM.

YOU
OKAY,
MISS?

I AM NOW,
THANKS TO
YOU!

EH, ALL
RIGHT.
HANG ON
TIGHT!

COOL.
I GOTTA GO
SAVE MY BEST
BUD FROM A FAT
MANIAC, SO--
SEE YA!

NO! WHAT IF
THESE *TERRIFYING*
BADNIKS COME
AFTER ME AGAIN?
TAKE ME WITH YOU?
PLEASE?

BREEZIE
DAMSEL IN
DISTRESS...?

SKY PATROL--TODAY.

...AND THAT'S HOW I KNOW THE "LOVELY" MADAM BREEZIE.

GRR...IT *STILL* MAKES ME MAD! SHE WAS WORKING WITH EGGMAN FROM THE BEGINNING!

RELAX-- THIS WAS *LONG* AGO. BESIDES, I HAVEN'T TOLD *EVERYONE* ALL OF MY ADVENTURES...

...ESPECIALLY NOT ONES THAT GO:

AMY ROSE
THE JEALOUS TYPE

AND WHY ARE WE JUST HEARING ABOUT HER *NOW*?

TAILS
SONIC'S BEST FRIEND

"HEY, GUYS! WANNA HEAR ABOUT THE TIME I GOT PLAYED FOR A CHUMP?! DERP!"

I AM THINKING I WOULD ENJOY ZOSE STORIES.

SHUSH! BE NICE.

ANTOINE
SWORDSMAN

BUNNIE
CYBORG

ROTOR
BATTLE-MECHANIC

ANOTHER TIME, PERHAPS.

NICOLE
LIVING A.I.

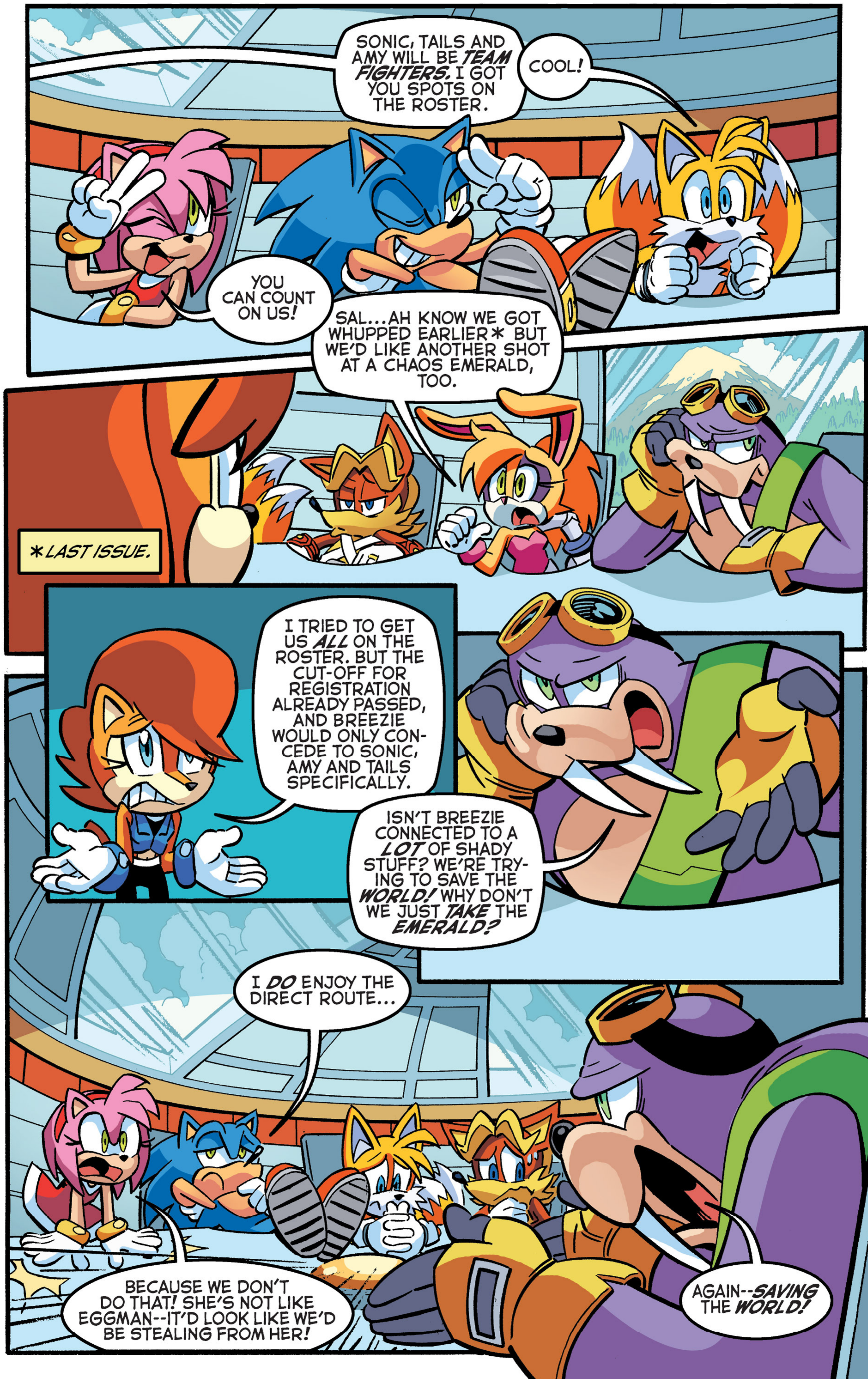
SALLY
TEAM LEADER

TIMED
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

COMING SOON TO
CASINO PARK ARENA
THE CHAOS EMERALD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ALL CONTENDERS WELCOME

BREEZIE'S COME A LONG WAY FROM BEING A DOUBLE-AGENT. SHE RUNS THE LARGEST ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK IN THE WORLD.

HER NEXT PUBLICITY STUNT IS A FIGHTING TOURNAMENT-- WITH A *CHAOS EMERALD* AS THE PRIZE.



SONIC, TAILS AND AMY WILL BE **TEAM FIGHTERS**. I GOT YOU SPOTS ON THE ROSTER.

COOL!

YOU CAN COUNT ON US!

SAL...AH KNOW WE GOT WHUPPED EARLIER* BUT WE'D LIKE ANOTHER SHOT AT A CHAOS EMERALD, TOO.

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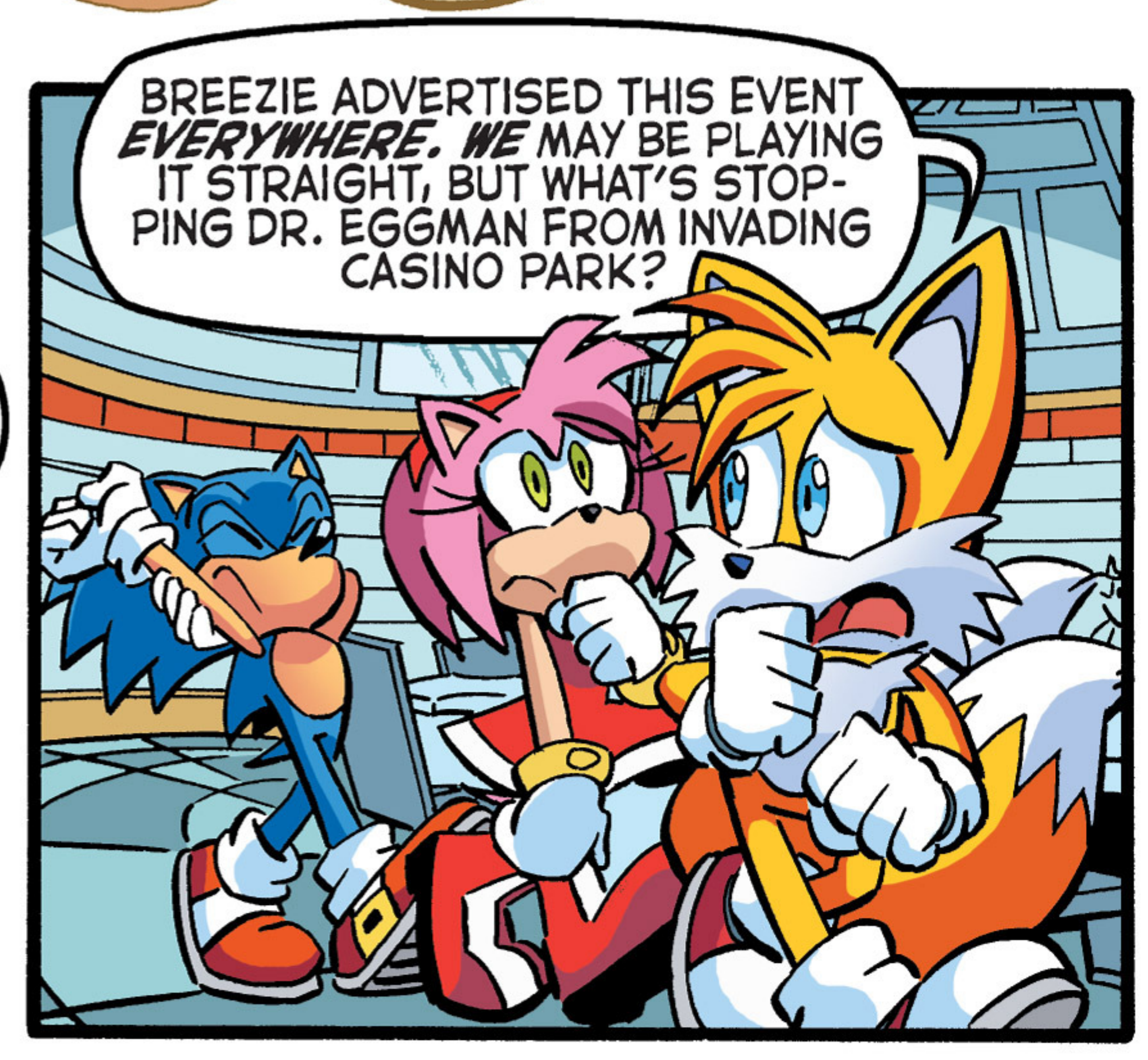
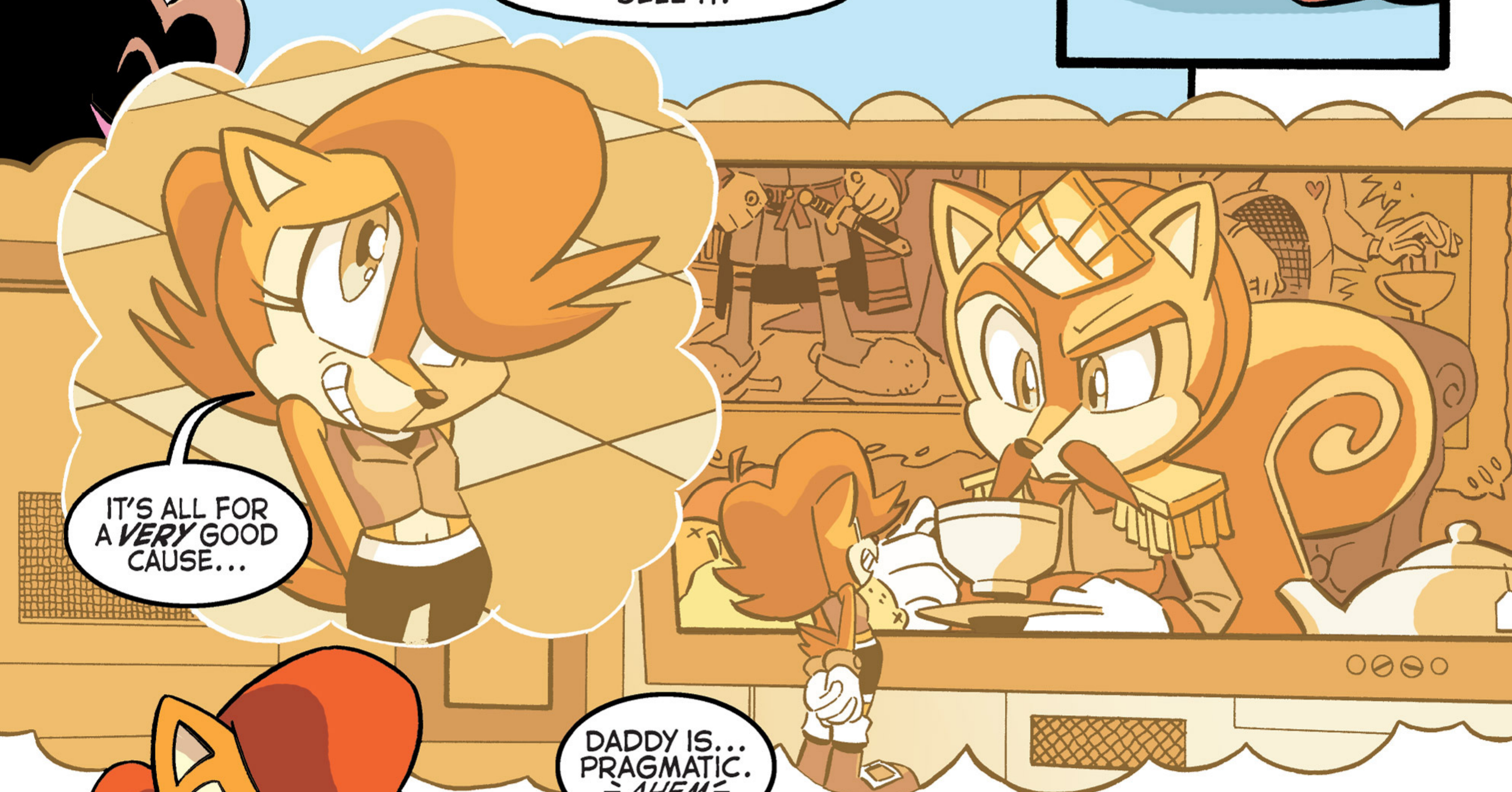
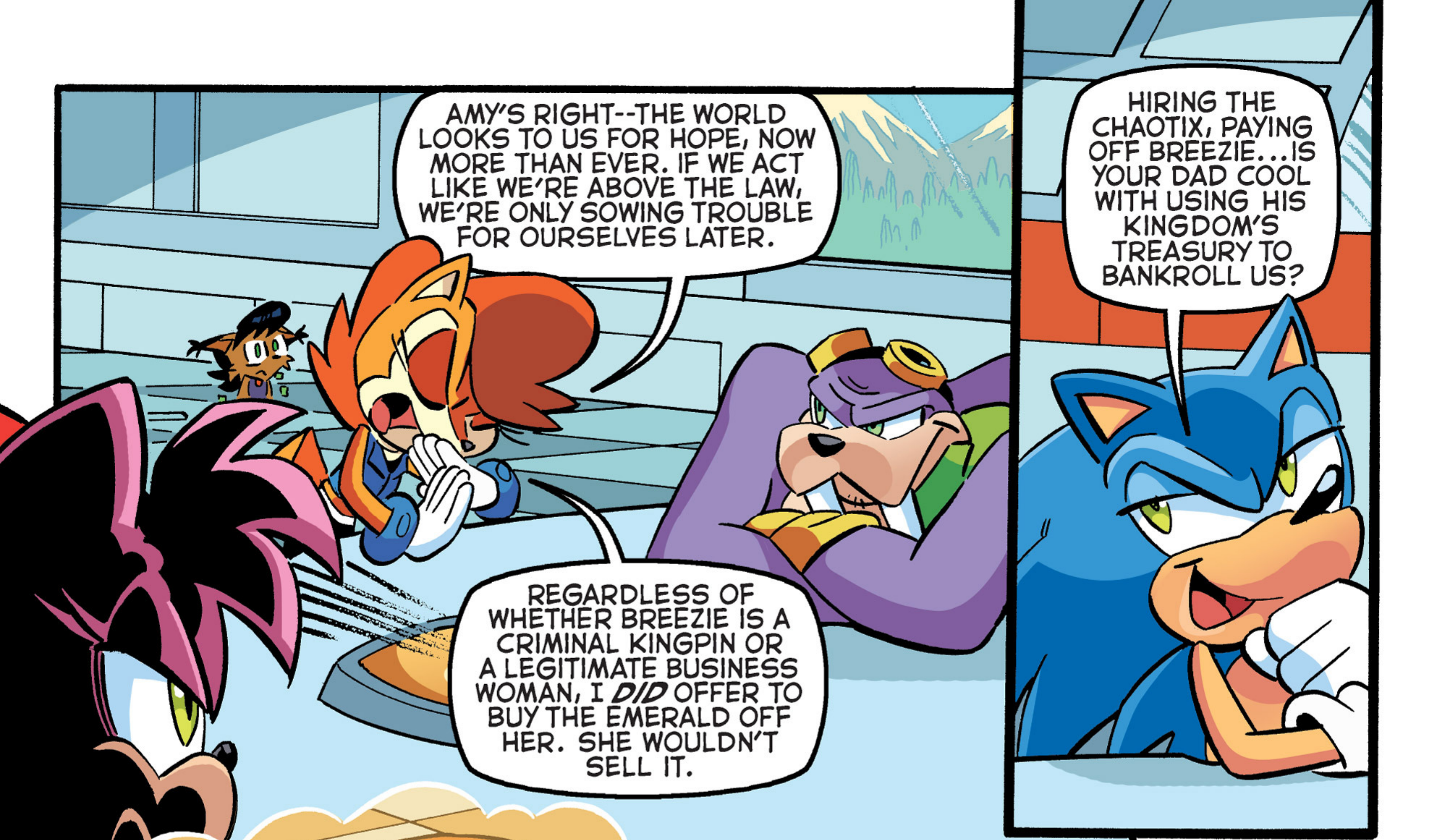
I TRIED TO GET US *ALL* ON THE ROSTER. BUT THE CUT-OFF FOR REGISTRATION ALREADY PASSED, AND BREEZIE WOULD ONLY CONCEDE TO SONIC, AMY AND TAILS SPECIFICALLY.

ISN'T BREEZIE CONNECTED TO A *LOT* OF SHADY STUFF? WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE THE *WORLD*! WHY DON'T WE JUST *TAKE* THE EMERALD?

I *DO* ENJOY THE DIRECT ROUTE...

BECAUSE WE DON'T DO THAT! SHE'S NOT LIKE EGGMAN--IT'D LOOK LIKE WE'D BE STEALING FROM HER!

AGAIN--*SAVING* THE *WORLD*!



BREEZIE!

I'LL INVADE EVERY ONE OF YOUR PRECIOUS CASINOS! I'LL CARPET BOMB EVERY PROPERTY YOU OWN! I'LL LAUNCH A MISSILE AT EVERY MEDIA SATELLITE YOU HAVE!

NO--TEN MISSILES!!!

DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK NOT A "PEOPLE PERSON"

EGGMAN FOR YOU ON LINE ONE. ALSO, SCRATCH SAYS HE NEEDS YOU TO LOOK AT SOMETHING.

CASINO PARK ZONE, EMPIRE CITY...

≥SIGH≤ THANK YOU, COCONUTS. BRING THE LIMO AROUND.

HELLO? DON'T YOU *DARE* IGNORE ME!

HELLO, DOCTOR. YOU WERE SAYING--?

I WAS *THREATENING!* YOU WILL GIVE ME THE EMERALD, OR I'LL--!

YOU'LL DO JACK SQUAT. YOUR FORCES ARE SPREAD THIN CONTAINING THE GLOBAL CRISIS, AND ANYTHING YOU *COULD* SCRAPE TOGETHER WOULDN'T MAKE IT PAST *MY* DEFENSES.

AND BESIDES, YOU'RE *LIKE* ME! YOU *LOVE* YOUR CREATIONS! YOU *HATE* TO SEE ROBOT-ON-ROBOT VIOLENCE.

YOU WANT TO TALK ROBOTS? GIVE ME THE EMERALD, OR I WON'T OFFLOAD ANY MORE OF MY OLD BADNIK STOCK ON YOU!

I *RESCUE* THOSE POOR ROBOTS. *YOU'D* LOSE OUT ON ONE OF YOUR MOST LUCRATIVE EXPORTS.

GRRR...FINE!
I'LL BE GENEROUS.
HOW MUCH DO YOU
WANT FOR IT?

HA HA HA!
YOU DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH!

WHAT?!

PANEM
ET CIRCENSES,
DOCTOR.

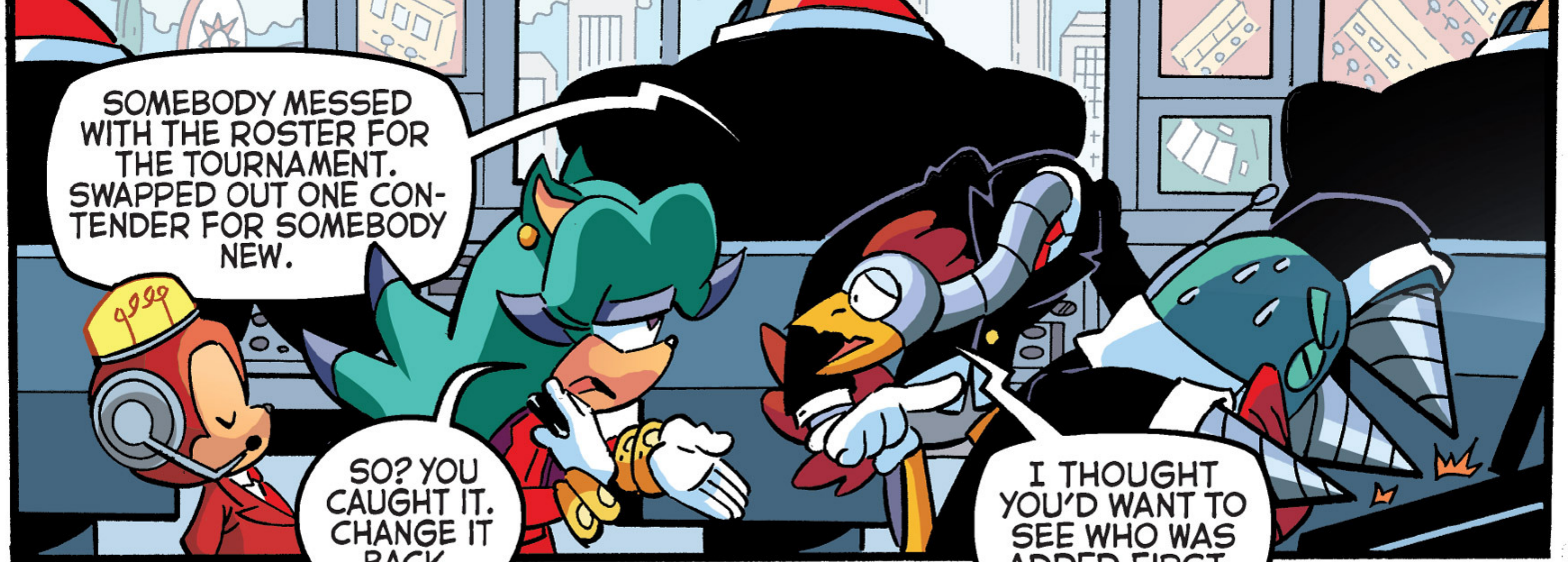
THE WORLD IS IN RUINS, AND
ITS PEOPLE ARE MISERABLE.
I WILL GIVE THEM A SHOW LIKE
NO OTHER, AND THEY WILL PAY
OUT THE NOSE FOR THE
DISTRACTION.

YOU CAN'T HARM ME, THREATEN
ME OR BUY ME. I LEARNED A
LOT FROM YOU, IVO, BUT I'VE
LONG SINCE GRADUATED FROM
YOUR SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS.

YOU CAN'T
TALK TO ME THAT
WAY, YOU--!

SOMETHING
NEEDED MY
ATTENTION?

YES,
MA'AM!



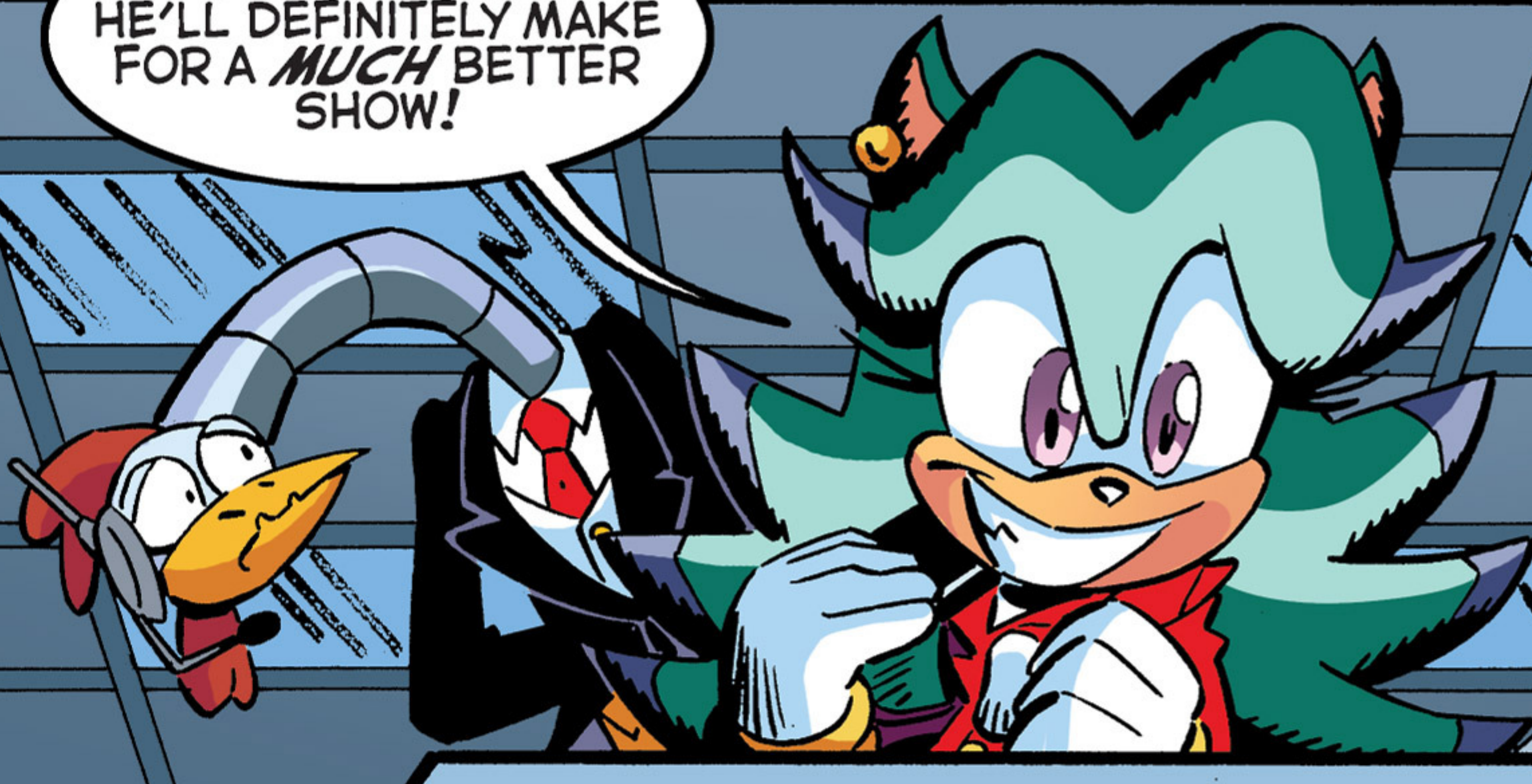
SOMEBODY MESS-
ED WITH THE ROSTER FOR
THE TOURNAMENT.
SWAPPED OUT ONE CON-
TENDER FOR SOMEBODY
NEW.

SO? YOU
CAUGHT IT.
CHANGE IT
BACK.

I THOUGHT
YOU'D WANT TO
SEE WHO WAS
ADDED FIRST.



OH. *OH!* NEVER MIND!
HE'LL DEFINITELY MAKE
FOR A *MUCH* BETTER
SHOW!



ARE
YOU STILL
THERE?

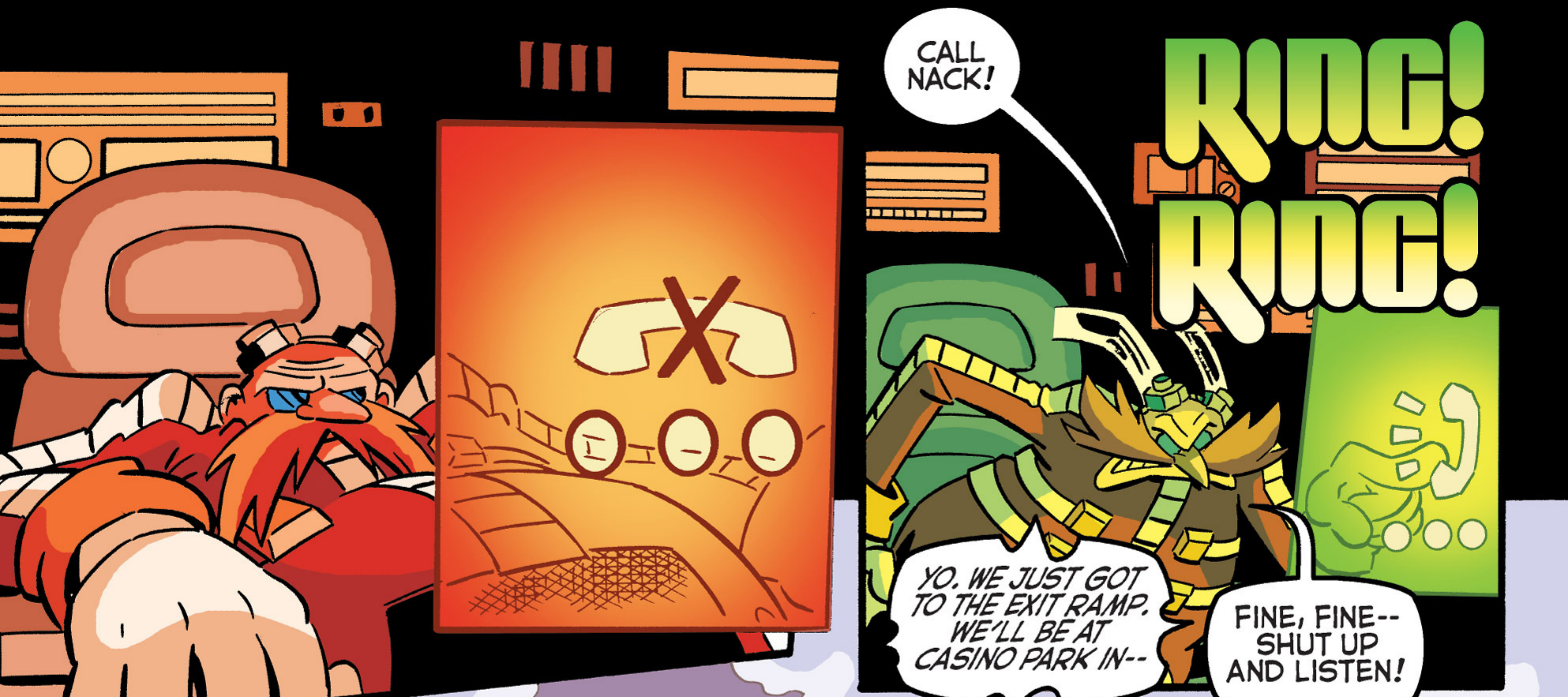


--COMMAND THE
EGGMAN EMPIRE!
AN EMPIRE!
YOU CAN'T--!

I HAVE
WORK
TO DO.
BUH-
BYE.



boop!



CALL NACK!

RING!
RING!

YO. WE JUST GOT TO THE EXIT RAMP. WE'LL BE AT CASINO PARK IN--

FINE, FINE-- SHUT UP AND LISTEN!

BINGO HIGHWAY...

BREEZIE EXPECTS ME TO PLAY BY HER RULES, BUT SHE'S FORGOTTEN I RUN THE SHOW! IF YOU BUNGLE THE TOURNAMENT, I WANT YOU TO DISABLE CASINO PARK'S DEFENSES!

THE HOOLIGANS
NACK, BEAN & BARK
(MERCENARIES FOR HIRE)

THANKS FOR THE CONFIDENCE, BUT, *OKAY*, WE CAN DO THAT.

BUT GRABBING THE CHAOS EMERALDS FOR YOU IS THE FREE GIG. SABOTAGE IS ANOTHER JOB WITH ANOTHER INVOICE.

WHY, YOU MONEY-GRUBBING... *SO BE IT!* BUT DO NOT FAIL ME AGAIN!

I *HATE* DEALING WITH PEOPLE. GIVE ME A GOOD ROBOT ANY DAY...

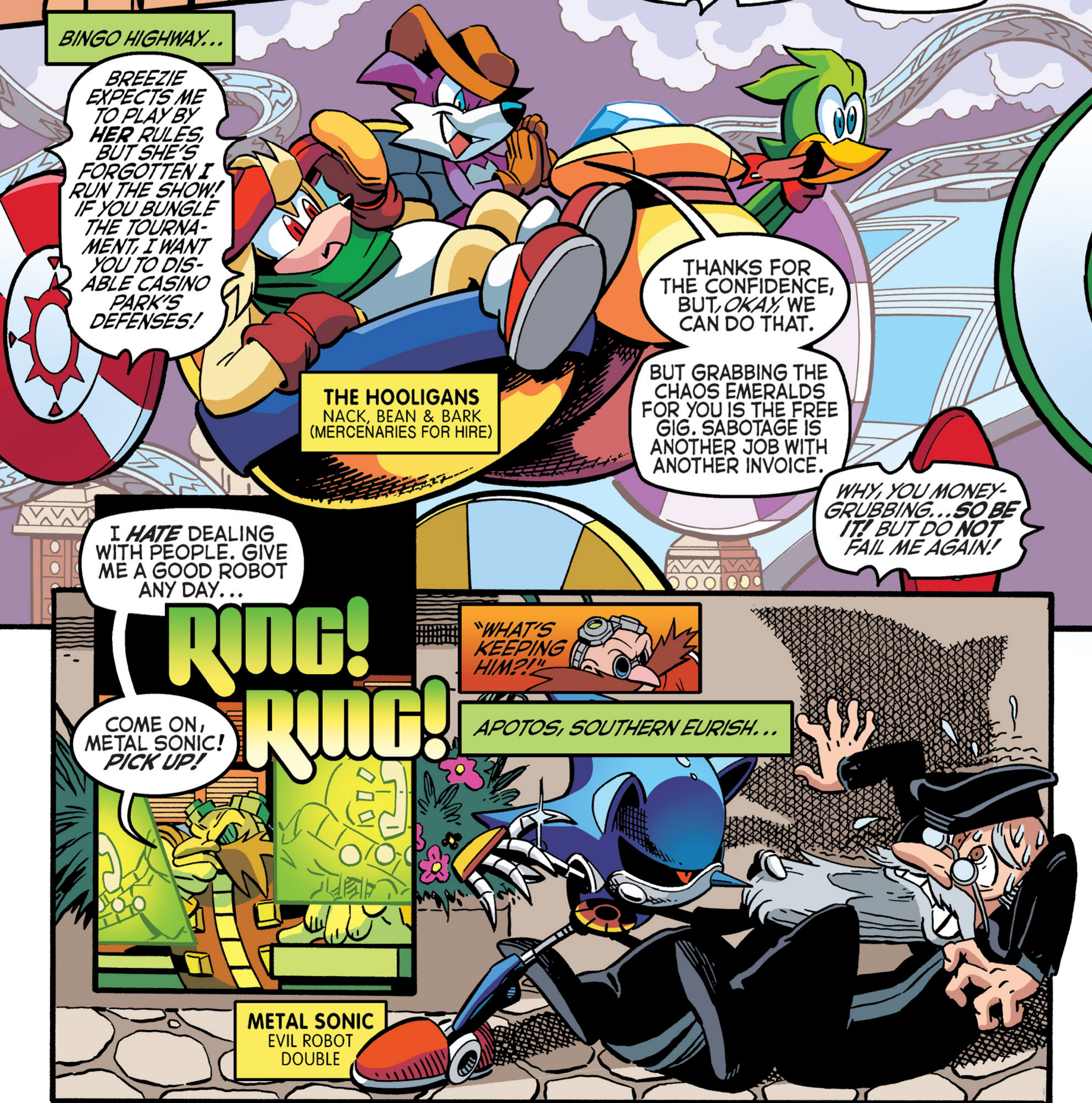
RING!
RING!

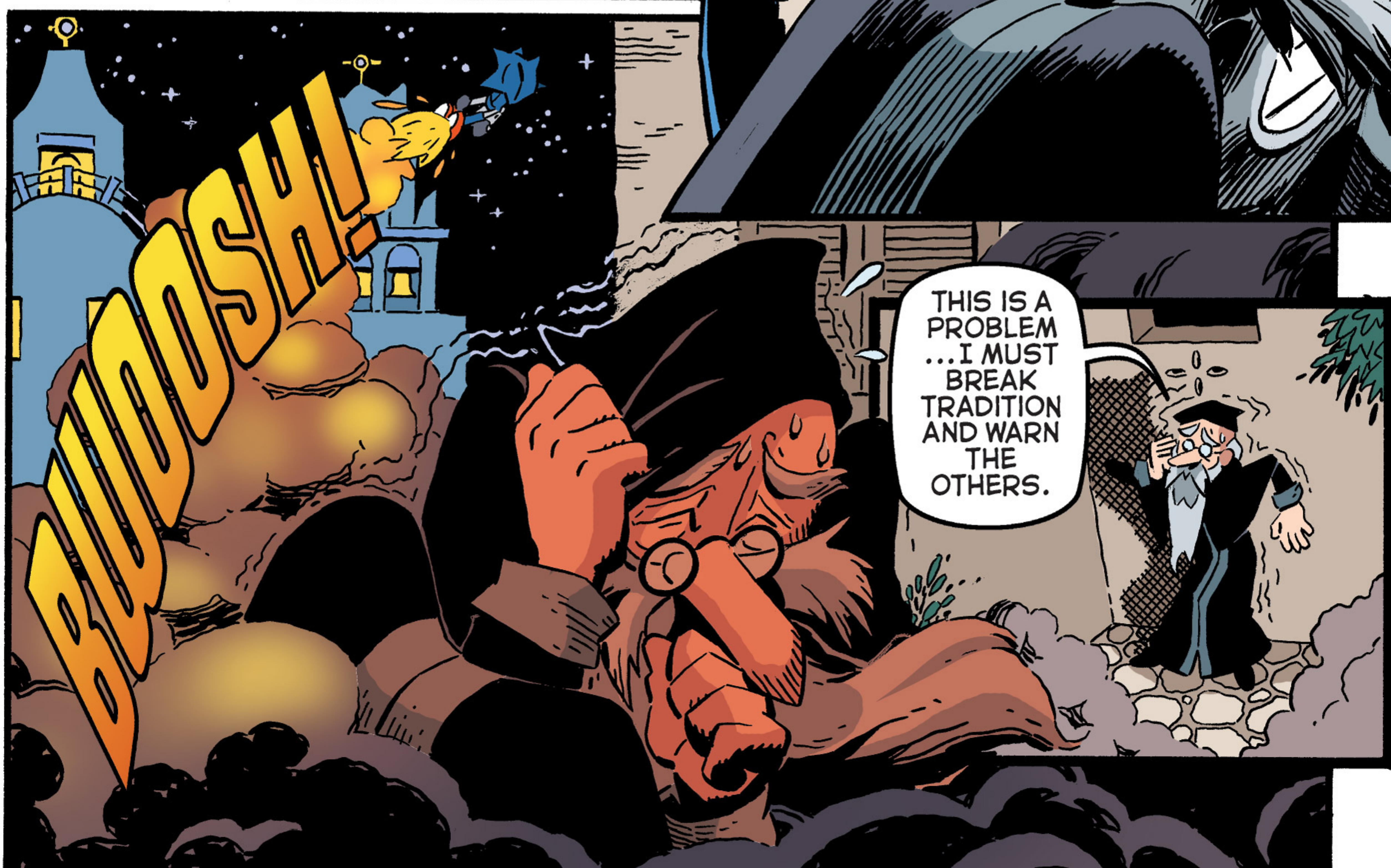
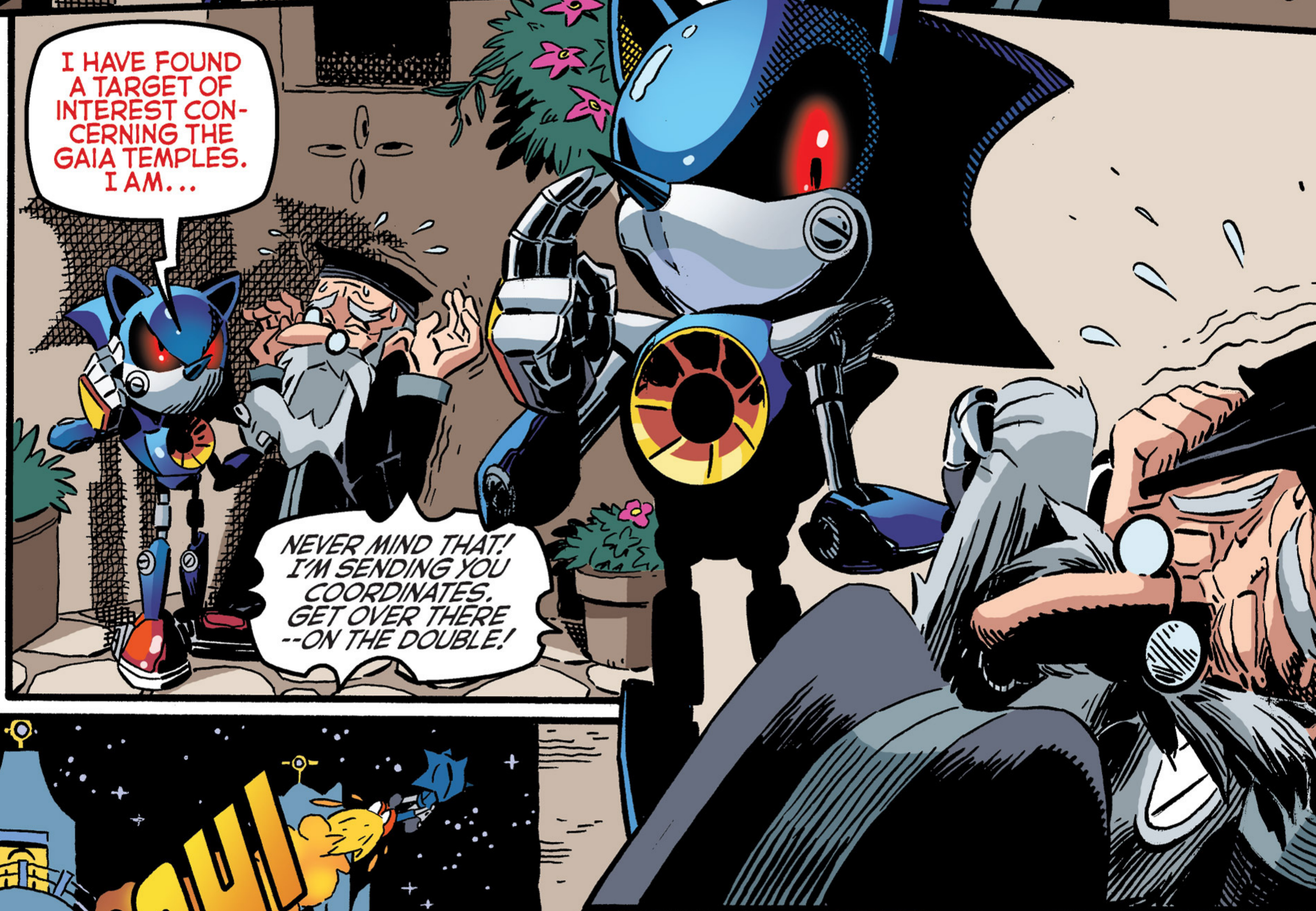
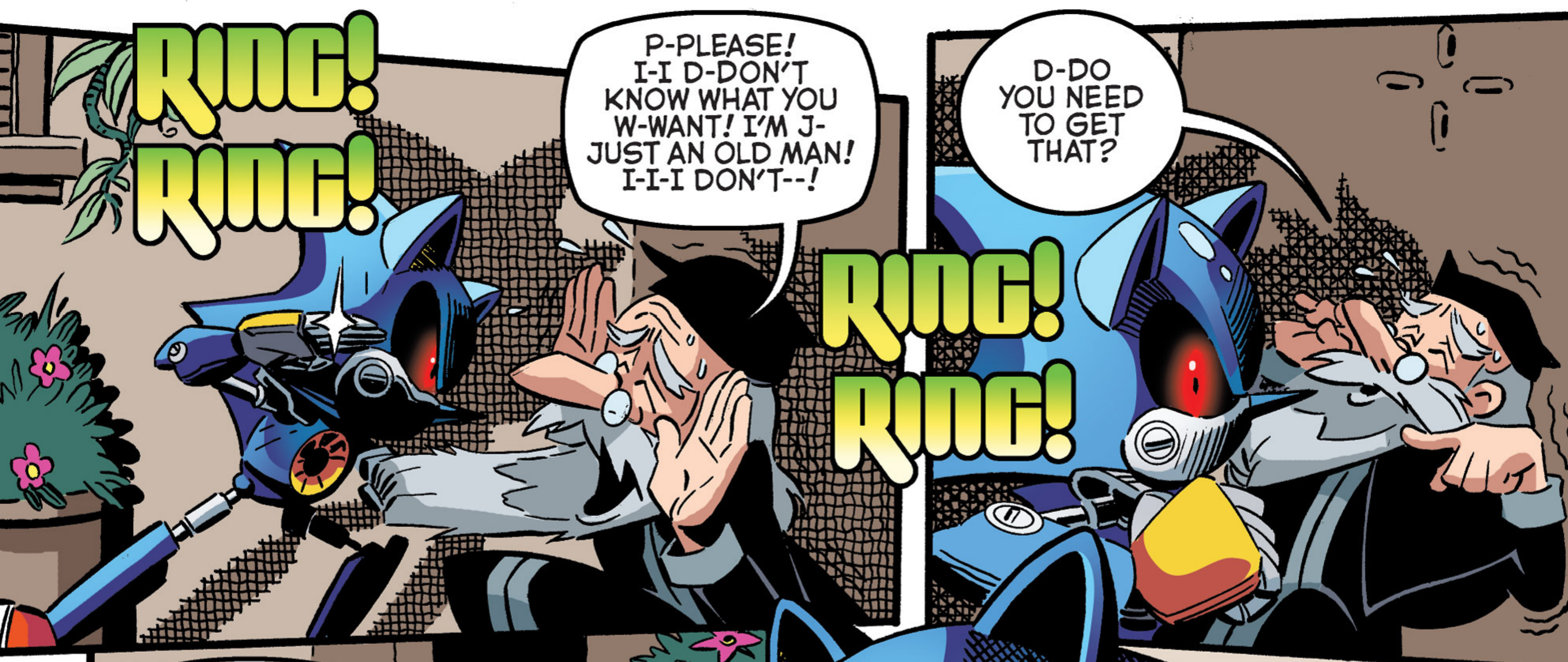
COME ON, METAL SONIC! PICK UP!

"WHAT'S KEEPING HIM?!"

APOTOS, SOUTHERN EURISH...

METAL SONIC
EVIL ROBOT
DOUBLE

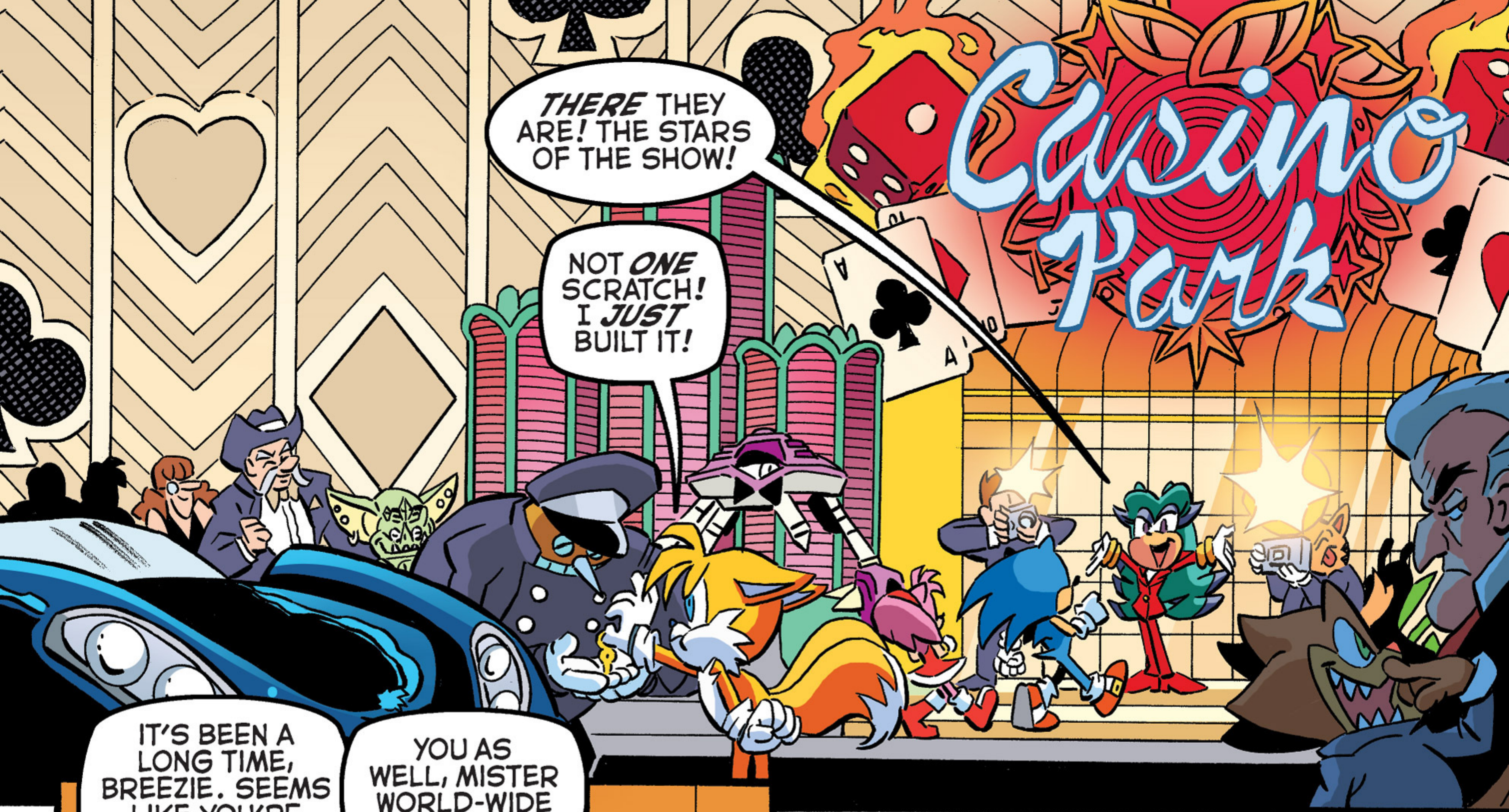




Casino Park

THERE THEY ARE! THE STARS OF THE SHOW!

NOT *ONE* SCRATCH! I *JUST* BUILT IT!

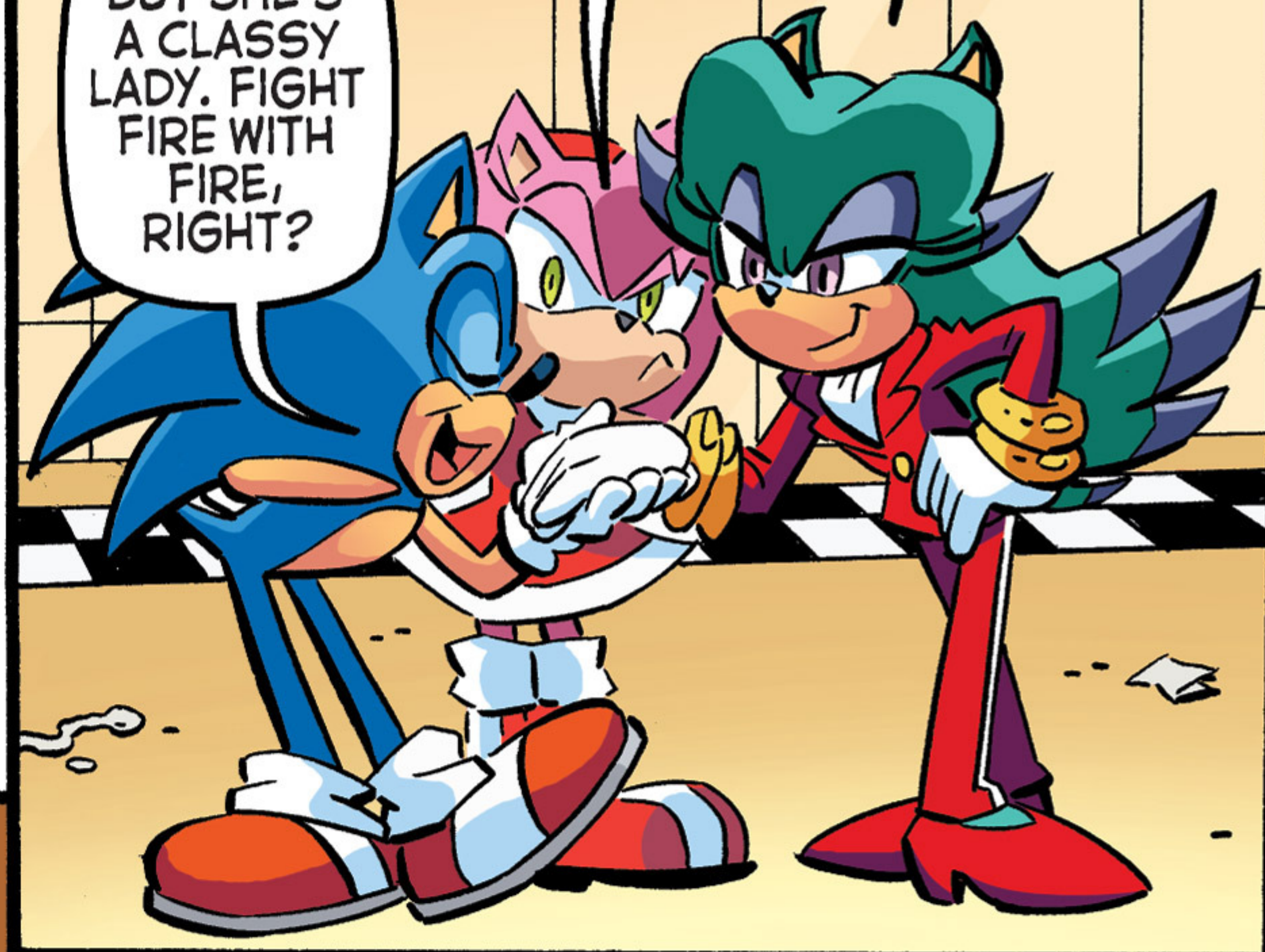


IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, BREEZIE. SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE DOING WELL FOR YOURSELF.

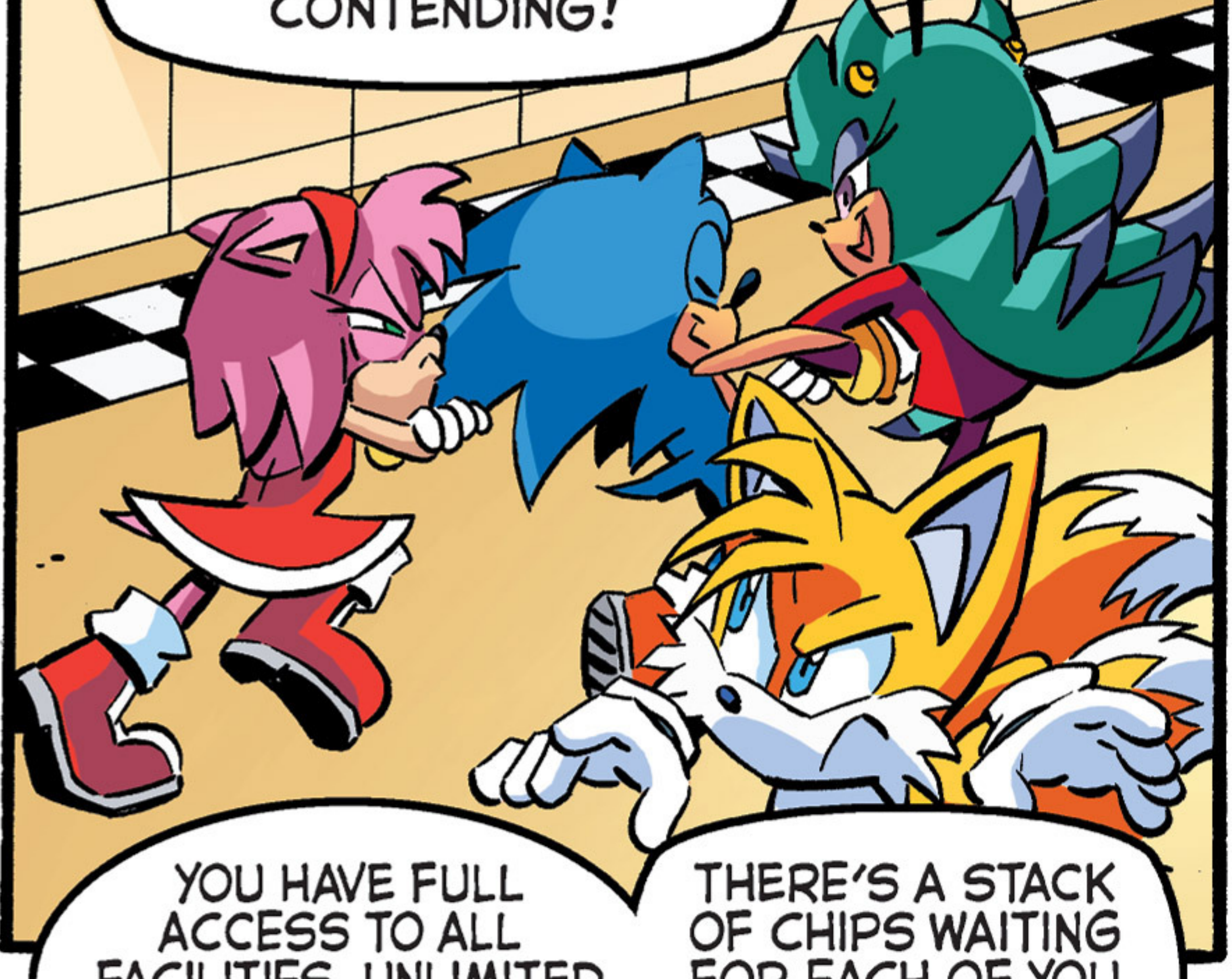
YOU AS WELL, MISTER WORLD-WIDE HERO.

UM... DIDN'T SHE TRY TO GET YOU AND TAILS KILLED?!

YEAH, BUT SHE'S A CLASSY LADY. FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, RIGHT?

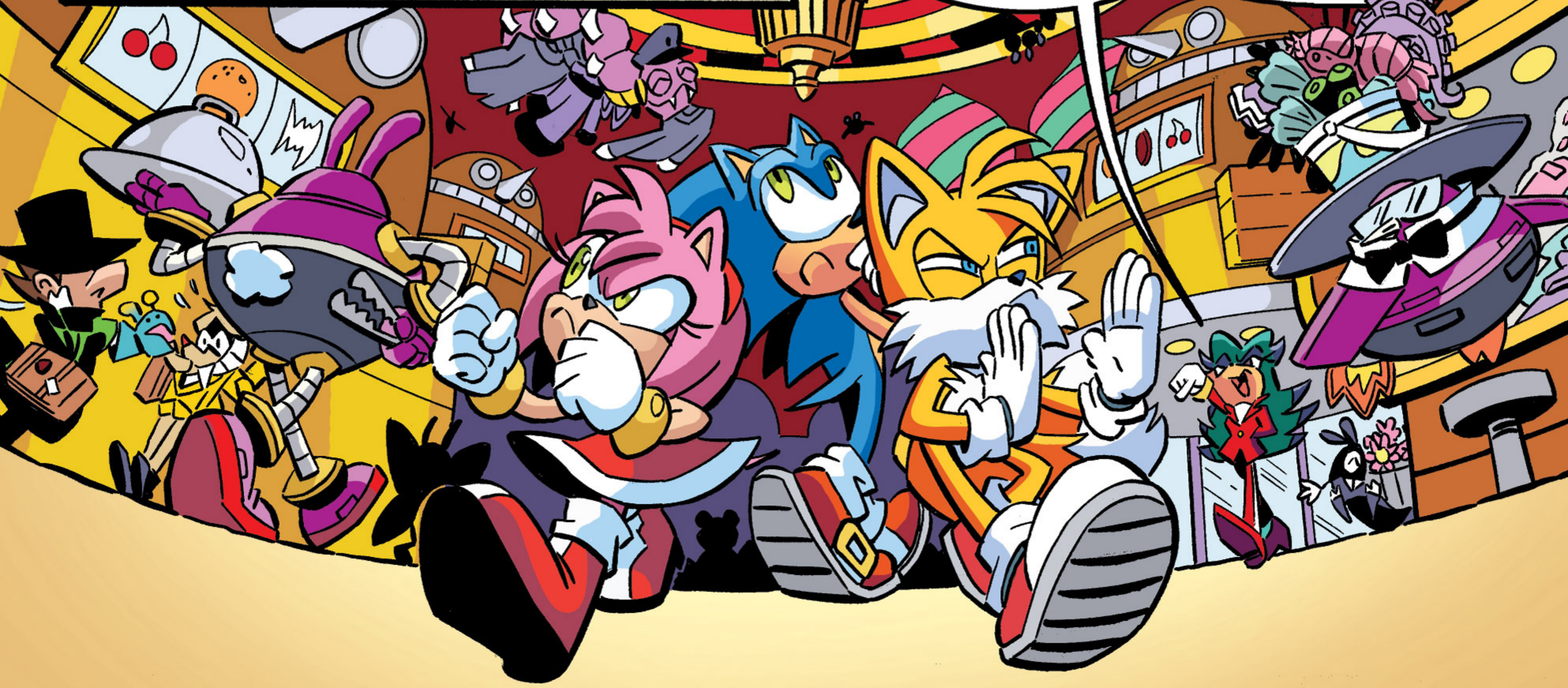


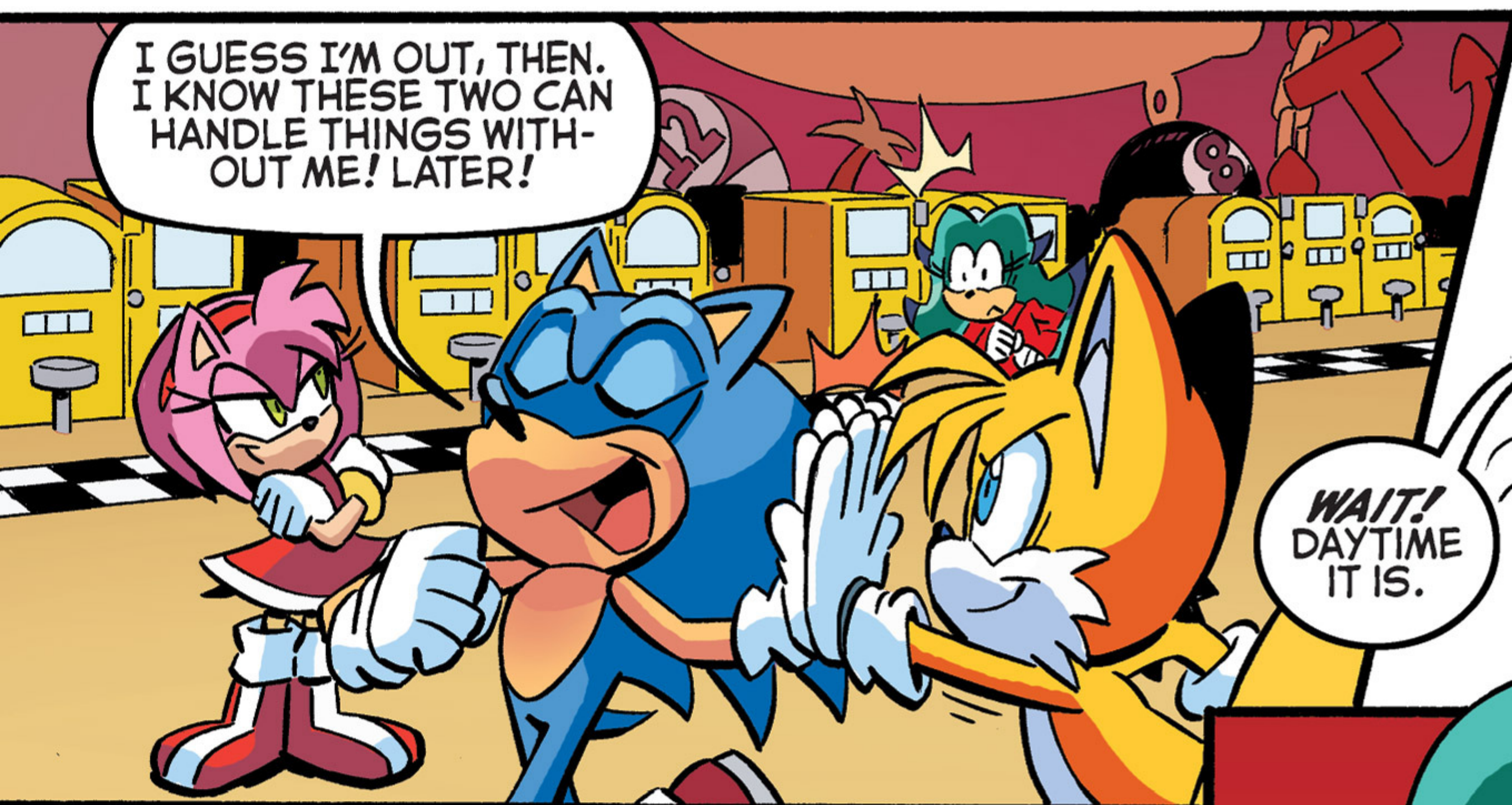
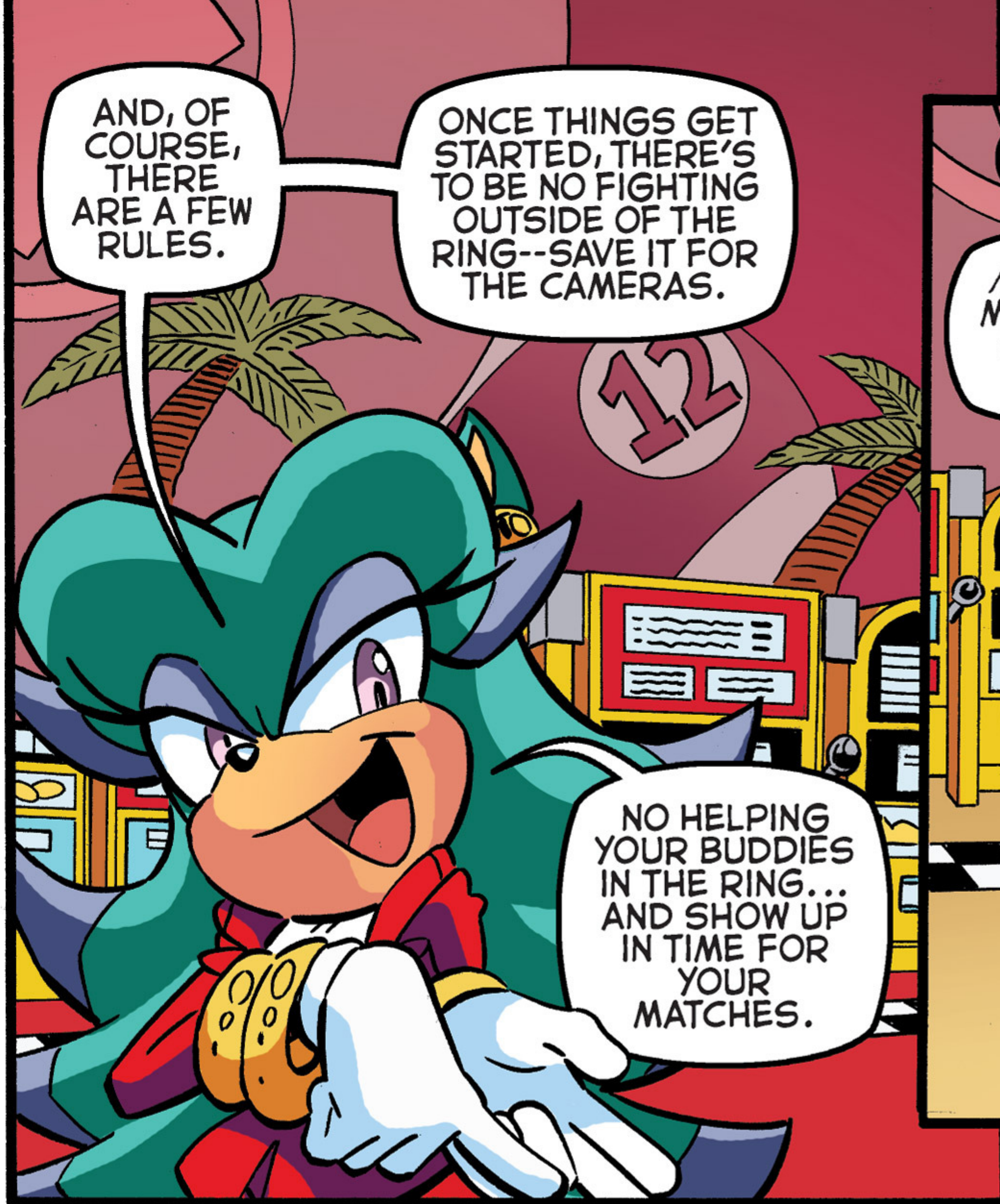
"FIGHT"? YOU'VE DONE NOTHING BUT HELP! PAID PROGRAMMING ORDERS HAVE *TRIPLED* SINCE IT WAS ANNOUNCED YOU THREE WILL BE CONTENDING!



YOU HAVE FULL ACCESS TO ALL FACILITIES, UNLIMITED TRIPS TO THE BUFFET AND SO ON.

THERE'S A STACK OF CHIPS WAITING FOR EACH OF YOU AT THE COUNTER-- ON THE HOUSE!







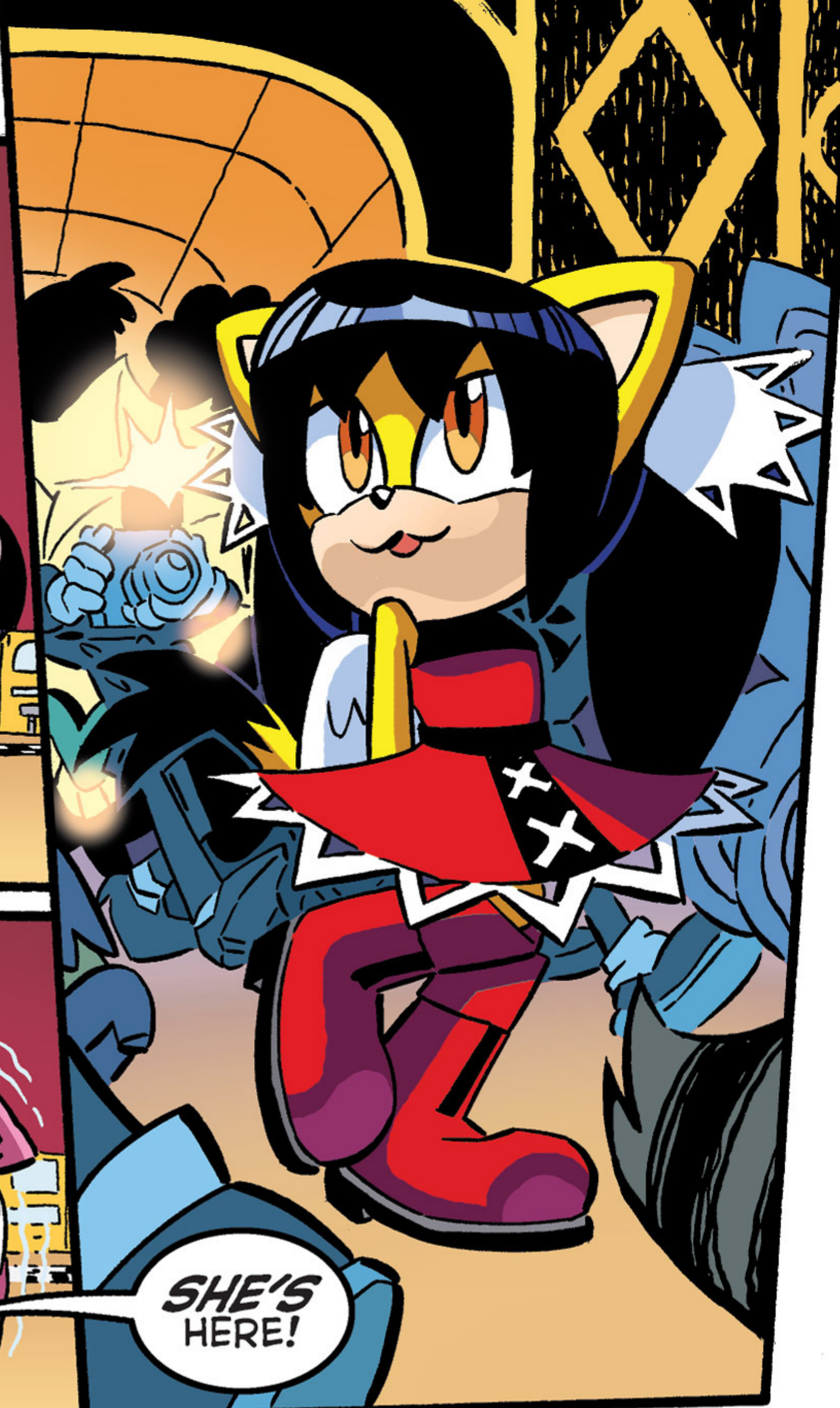
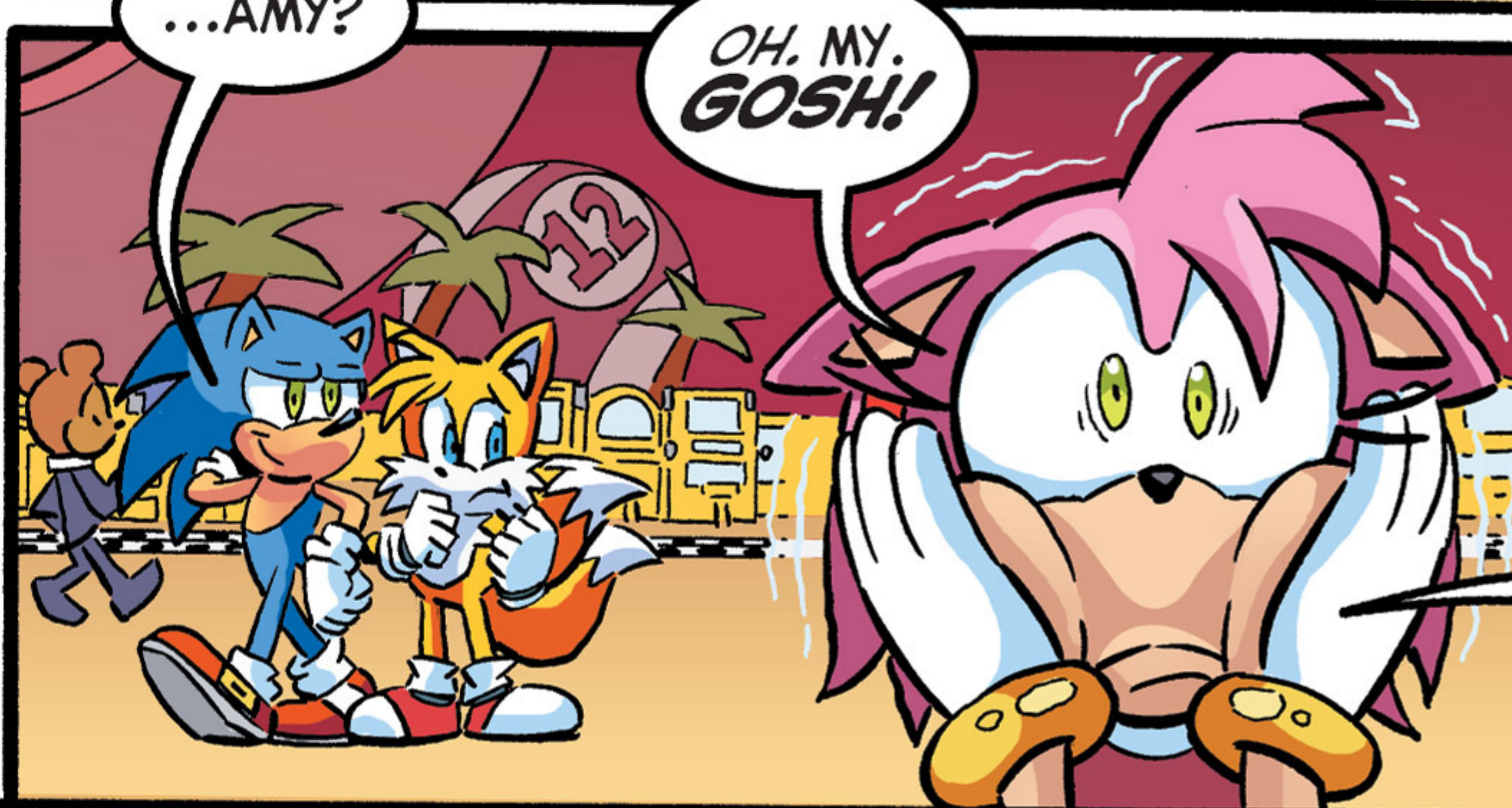
HAHA--WOW! IF LOOKS COULD KILL...

SERIOUSLY. I'D FEEL BAD IF SHE WEREN'T PROFITING FROM A WORLD CATASTROPHE.

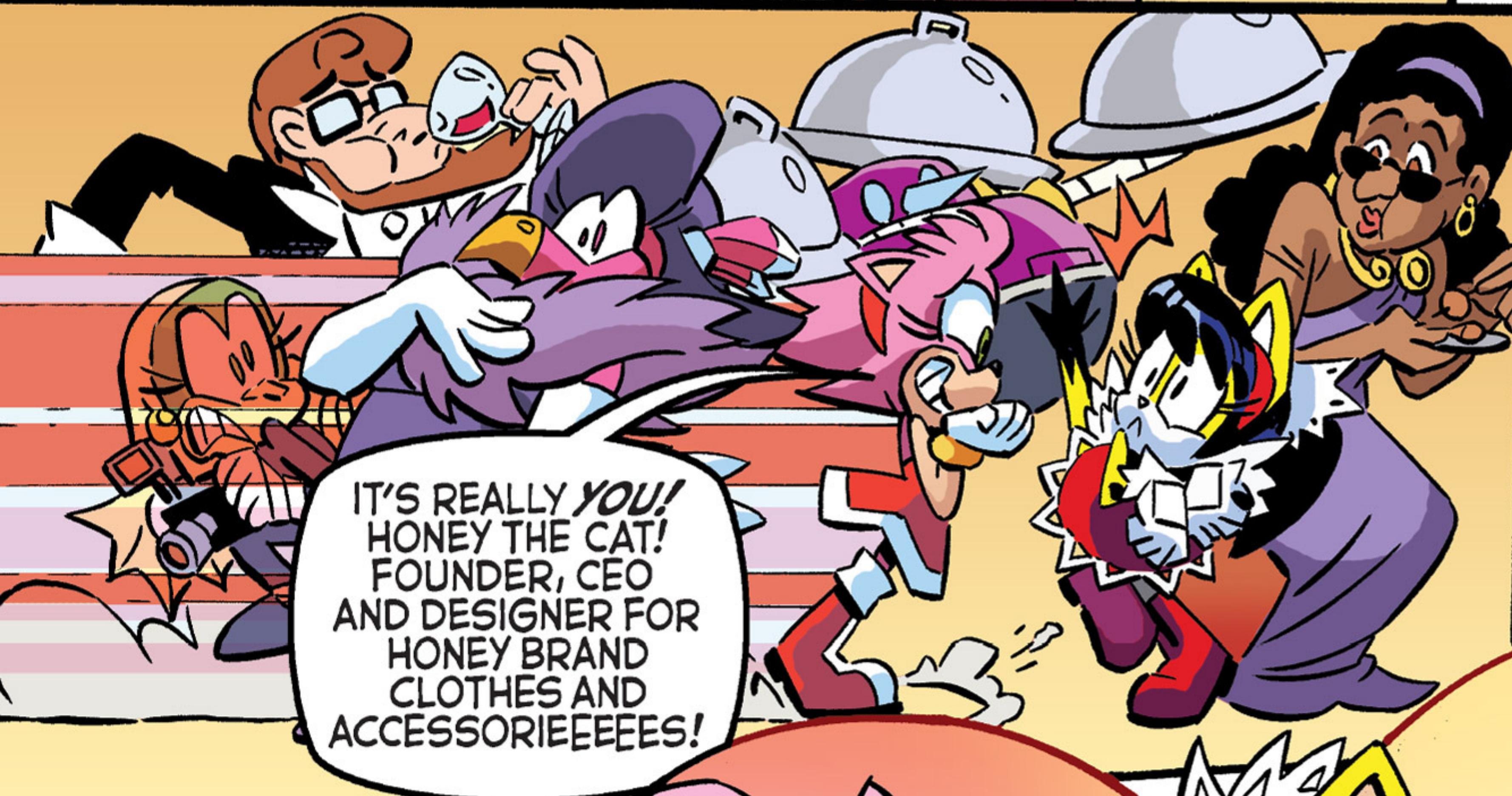
THANKS FOR MAKING SURE SHE DIDN'T KNIFE ME IN THE BACK, AMY.

...AMY?

OH. MY. GOSH!



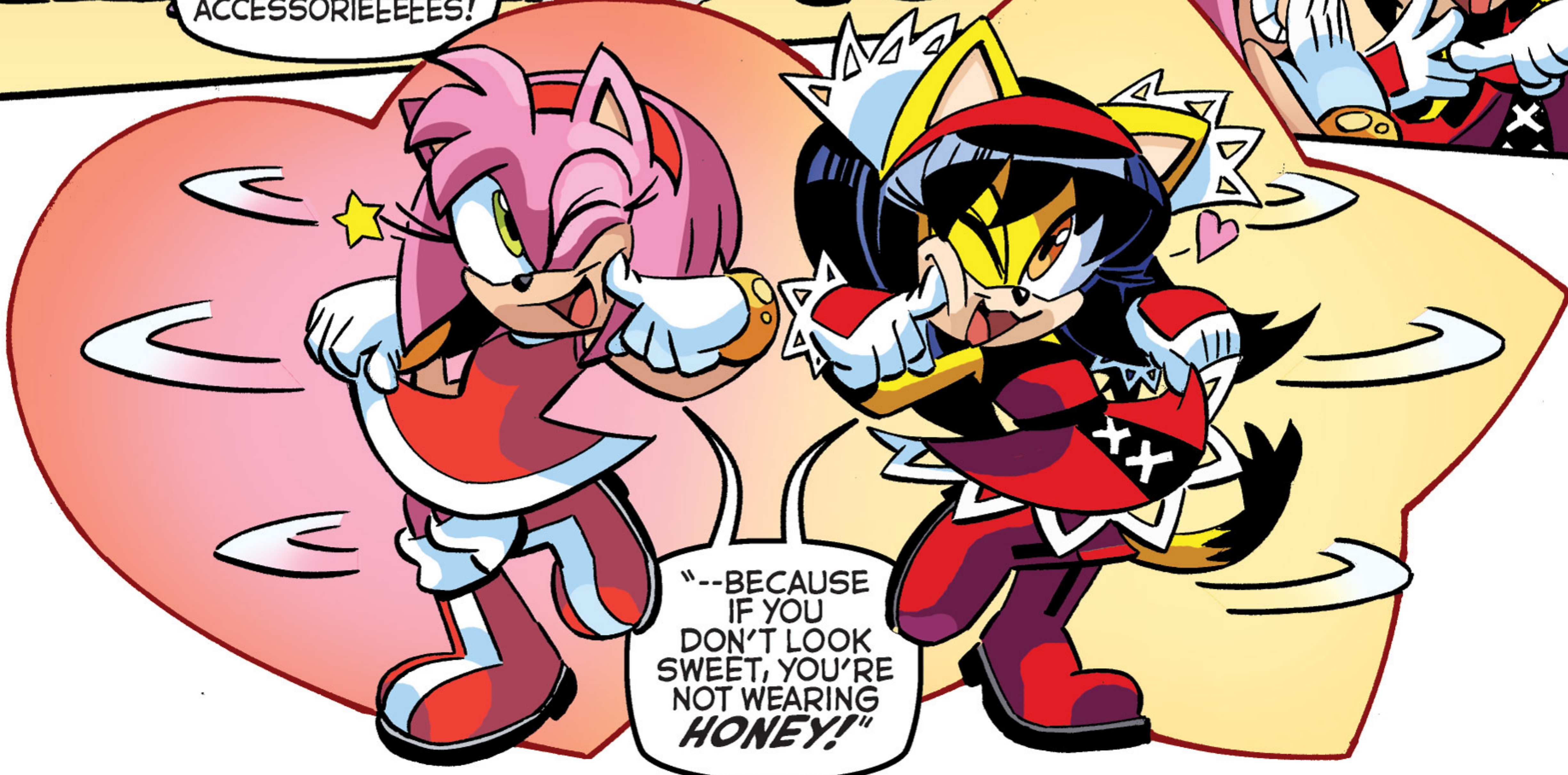
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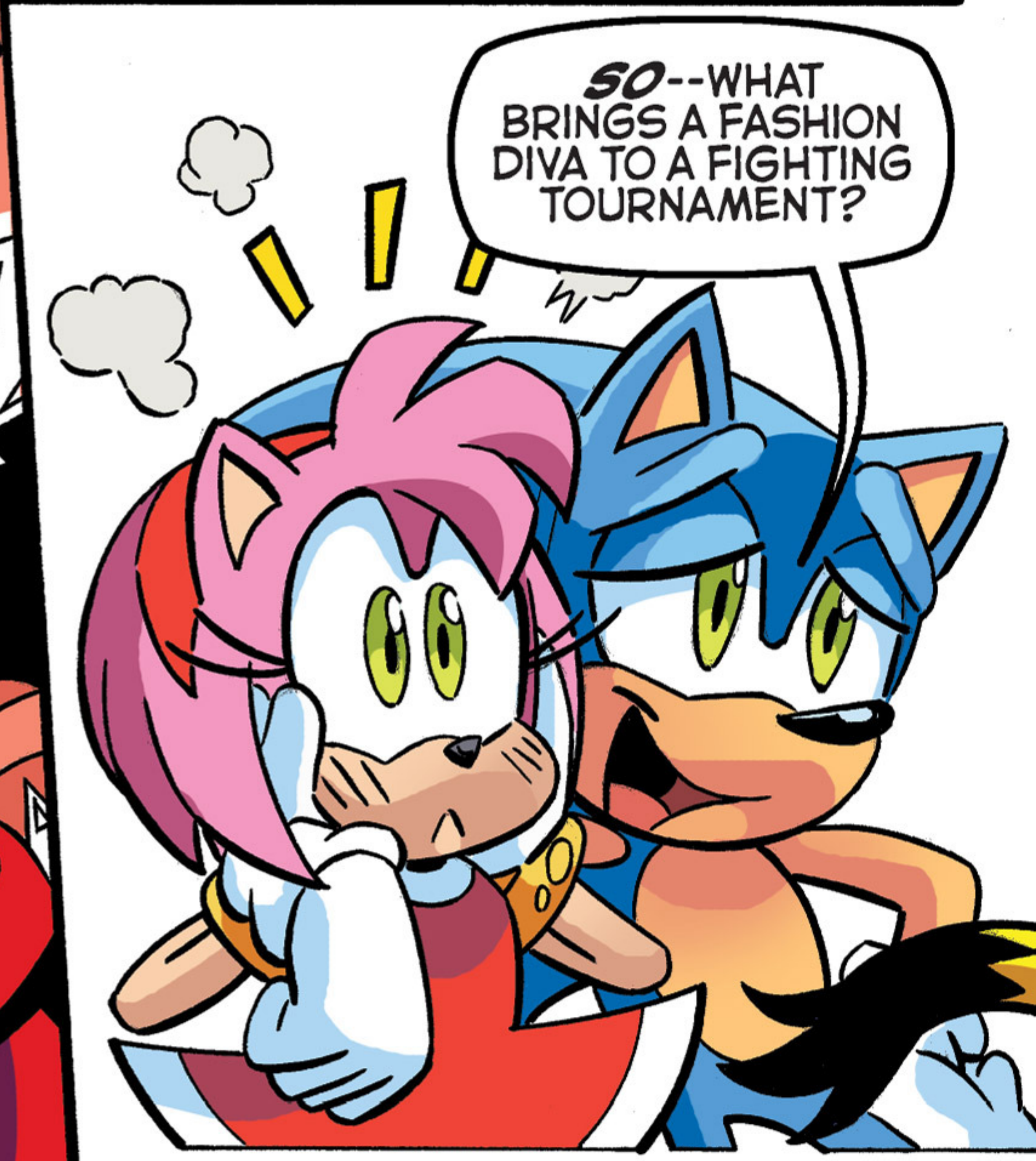
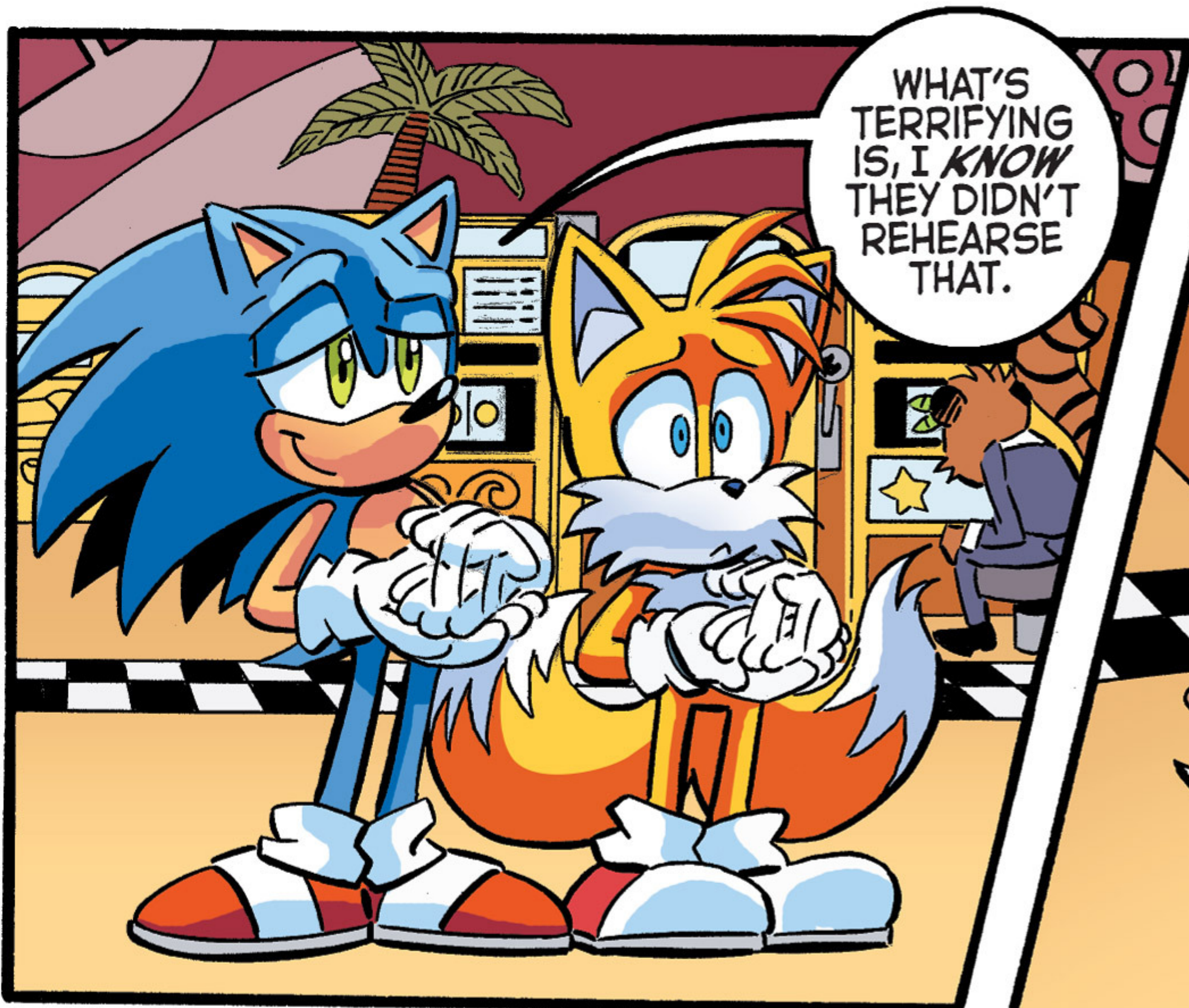
IT'S REALLY YOU! HONEY THE CAT! FOUNDER, CEO AND DESIGNER FOR HONEY BRAND CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIEEEEEES!

I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE AMY ROSE! FREEDOM FIGHTER! WORLD TRAVELER AND HERO!

=GASP= I GOTTA TELL YOU, I LOVE YOUR STUFF--



"---BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T LOOK SWEET, YOU'RE NOT WEARING HONEY!"



WHAT ABOUT YOU THREE? AREN'T YOU HIGH-PROFILE ENOUGH ALREADY?

WE'VE COME TO WIN THE CHAOS EMERALD. IT'S A CRUCIAL PART OF OUR PLAN TO SAVE THE WORLD!

IS THAT A FACT?

LIKE I SAID, I'M JUST HERE TO ADVERTISE. IF I WIN, I'LL HAND THE GEM OVER TO YOU GUYS.

REALLY?! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

AND IN RETURN, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL HELP PROMOTE MY NEXT LINE, RIIIIIIIGHT?

...I ONLY WEAR SHOES, SOCKS AND GLOVES.

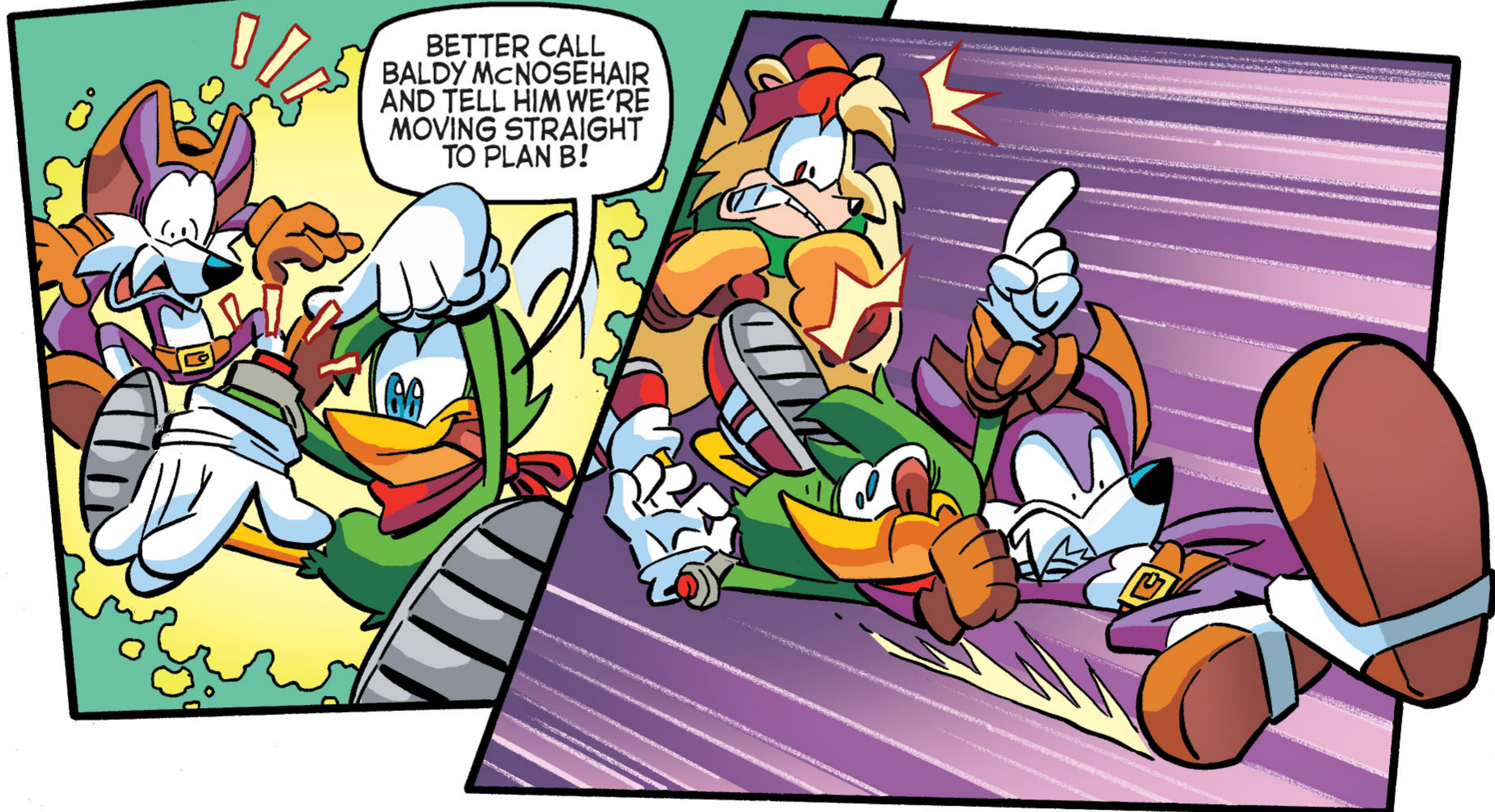
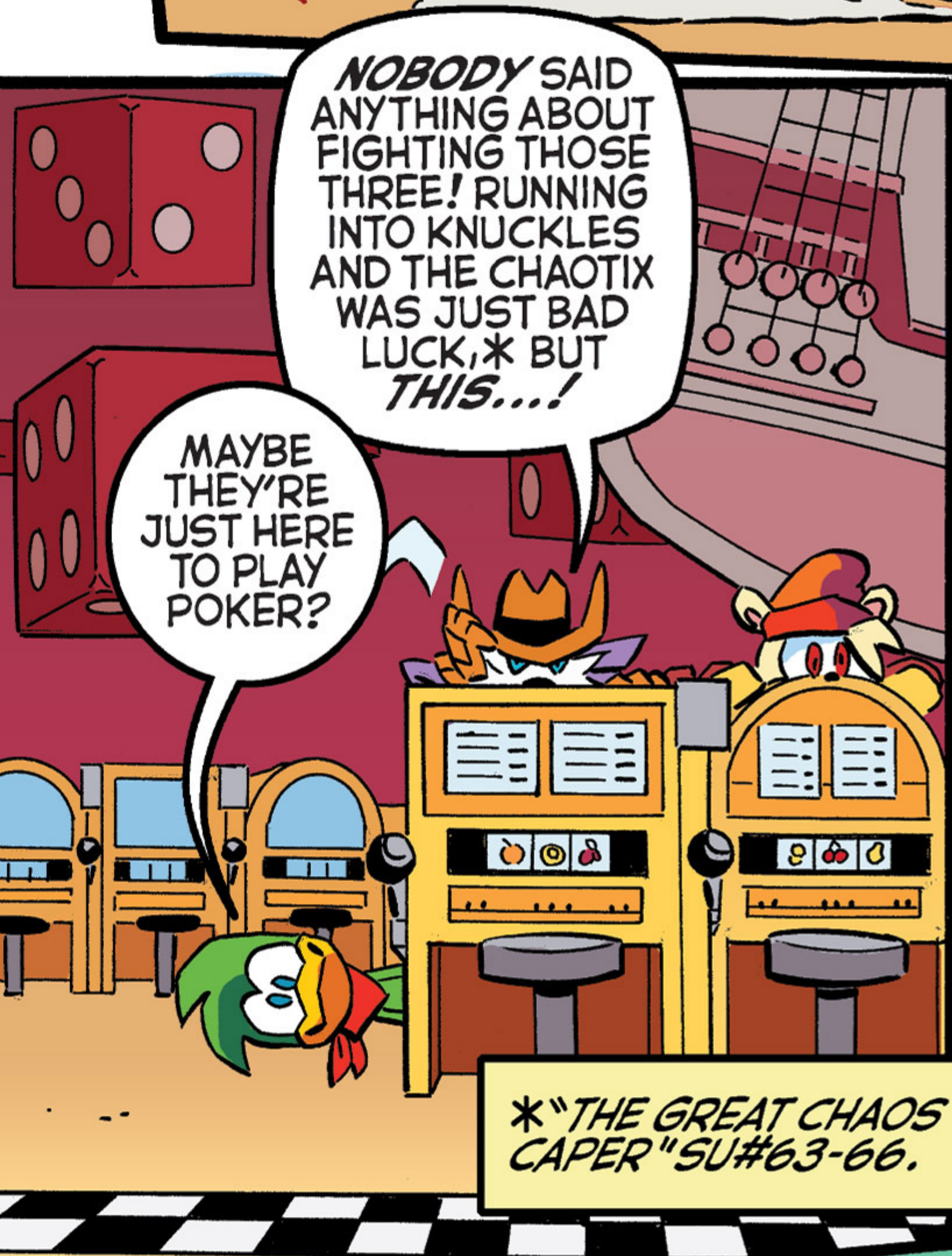
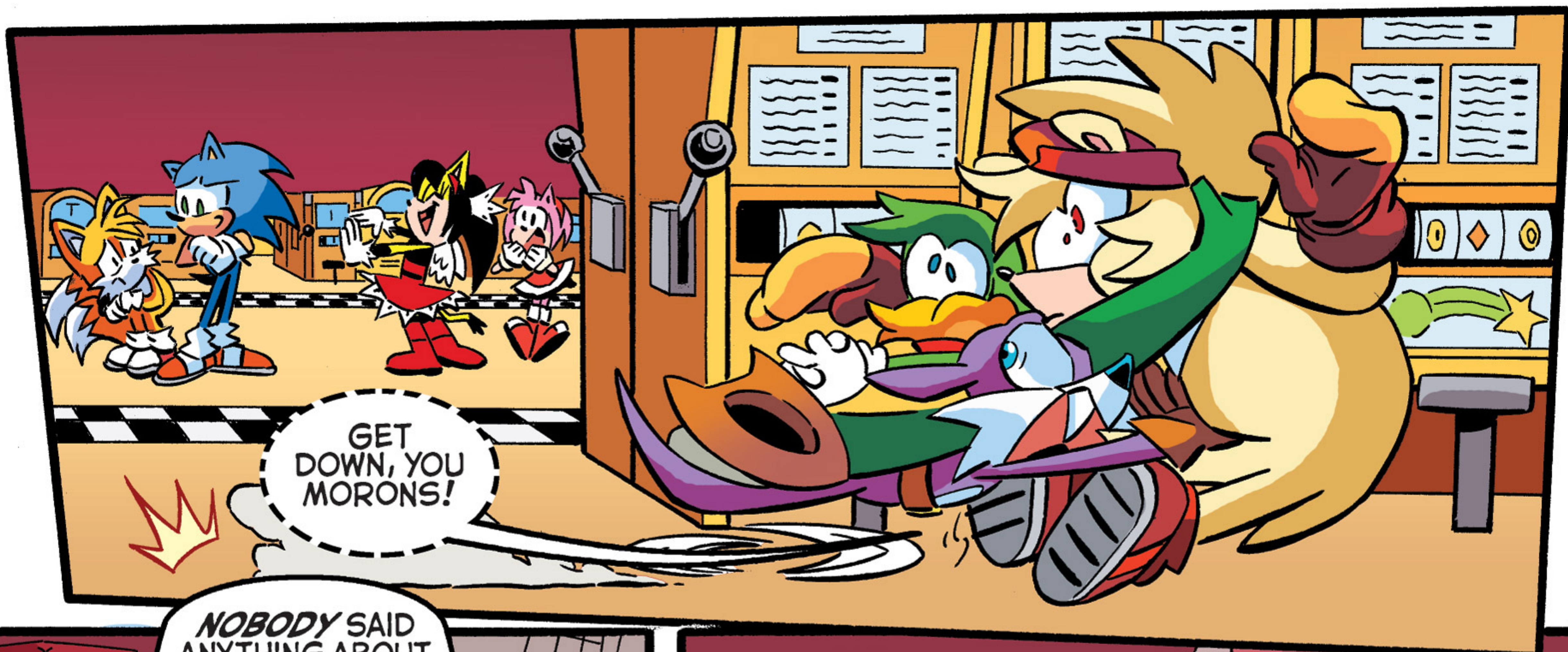
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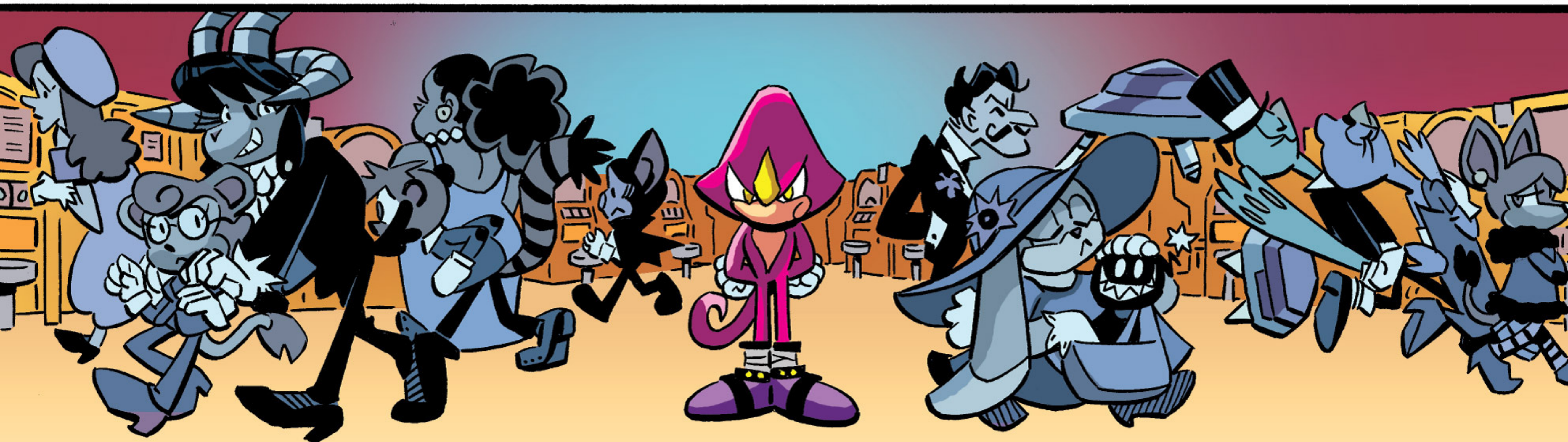
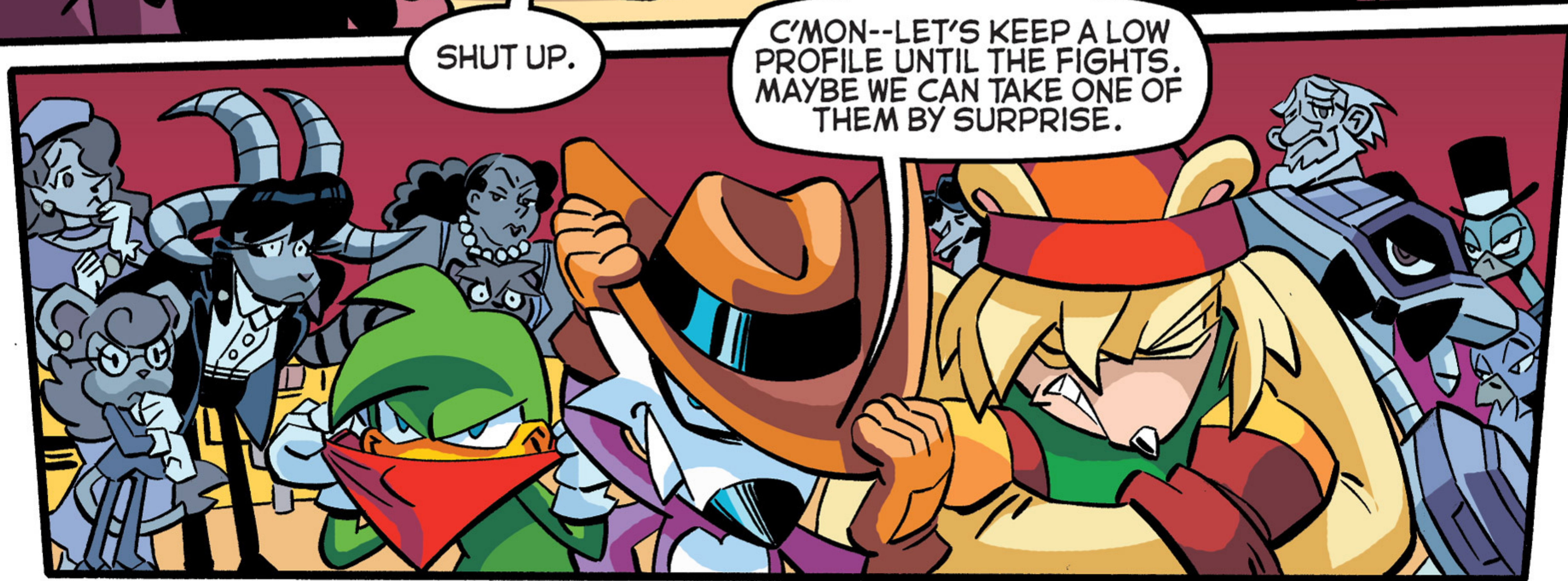
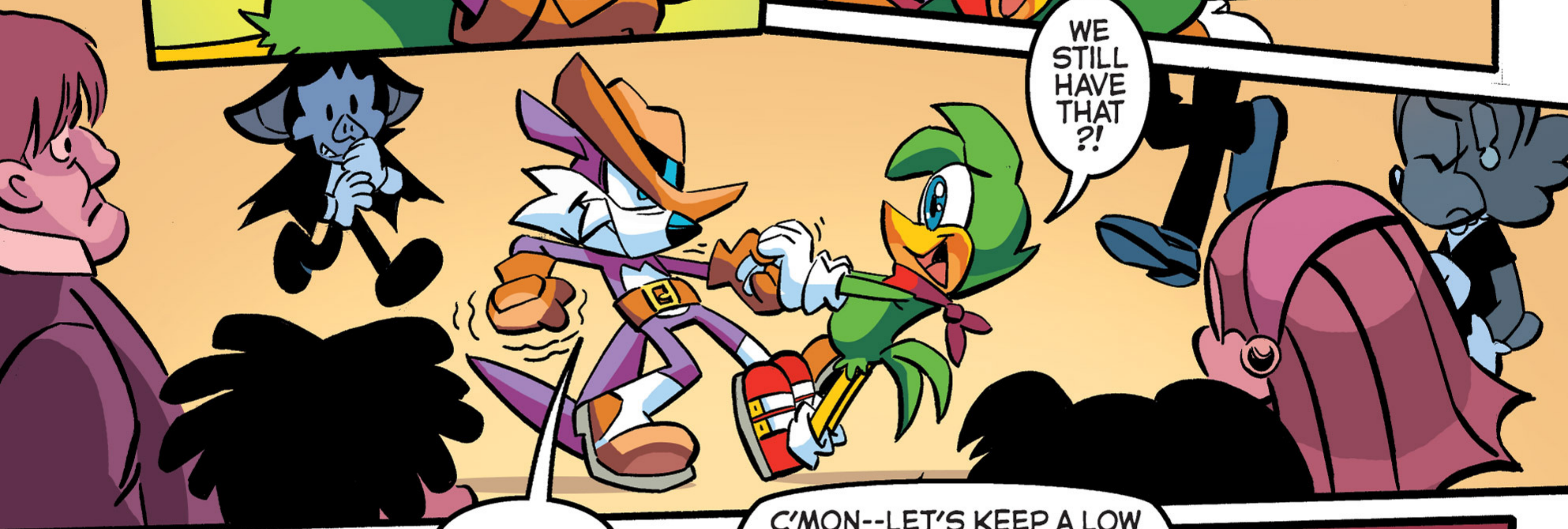
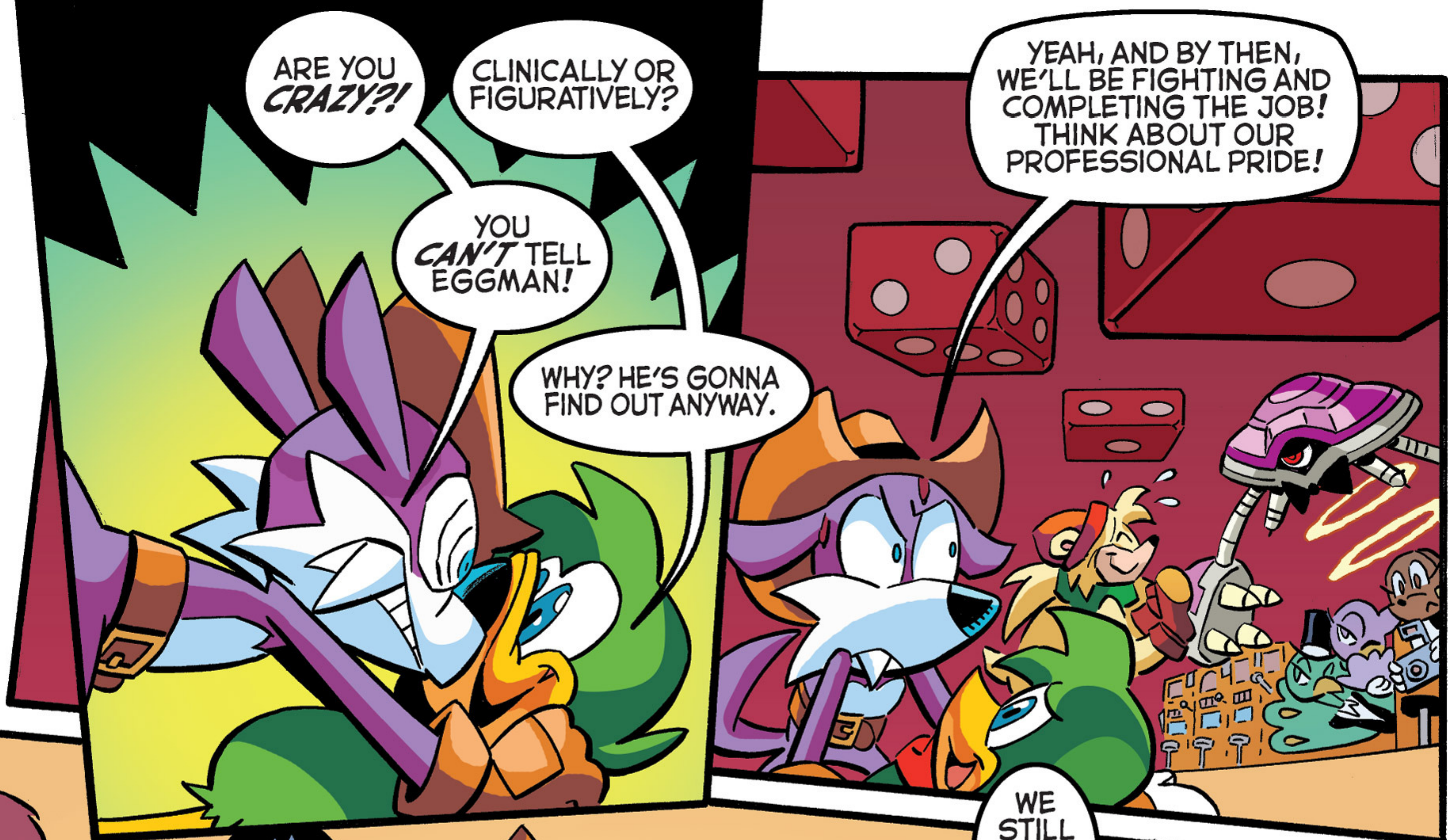
OHMYGOSH, CREAM WOULD LOOK *SO CUTE* IN YOUR KIDS' CLOTHING!

OH, BOY. IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE ON OUR SIDE, AT LEAST...

...SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE WE'RE FACING YET.

SHINY... OVERLOAD...





SOON...

VECTOR, IT'S ME. I'M MAKING MY FIRST REPORT. I MUST BE BRIEF-- I HAVE ONLY ENOUGH CHANGE FOR ONE MINUTE.

WHAT?! I SENT YOU THERE WITH FIVE BUCKS IN QUARTERS!

...THE SLOTS HERE ARE RIGGED, I'M SURE OF IT...

ESPIO
CHAOTIX
NINJA

OY. FINE. WHAT'S YOUR REPORT?

BOTH THE HOOLIGANS AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE ENTERED THE TOURNAMENT. I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP THE LATTER.

BUT SINCE I DIDN'T KNOW THEY'D ARRIVE, I MANAGED TO SNEAK ONE MORE FRIENDLY FACE ONTO THE ROSTER...

I DON'T THINK I'D *EVER* GET TIRED OF THIS PLACE!

ALL THE LIGHTS!
ALL THE SOUNDS!

ALL THE *SMELLS*! THE SIGN SAID "ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET!" DO THEY REALLY MEAN IT?!



I'M SORRY...
HERE I AM GOING
ON AND ON,
WHEN I SHOULD
BE HELPING YOU
LOOK FOR THE
MASTER EMERALD
SHARDS...

DON'T SWEAT IT.
LEAVE THE TREASURE
HUNTING TO ME.

I CAN SENSE THE
CHAOS ENERGY--
THERE'S GOTTA BE
A SHARD HERE!

CHIP
(SUPPOSEDLY)
POWERFUL
SPIRIT

KNUCKLES
SONIC'S
LONGTIME
RIVAL

THE **FIGHTERS** HAVE **ASSEMBLED!**
THE **STAKES** ARE **SET!**
ROUND ONE BEGINS **NEXT TIME!**

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